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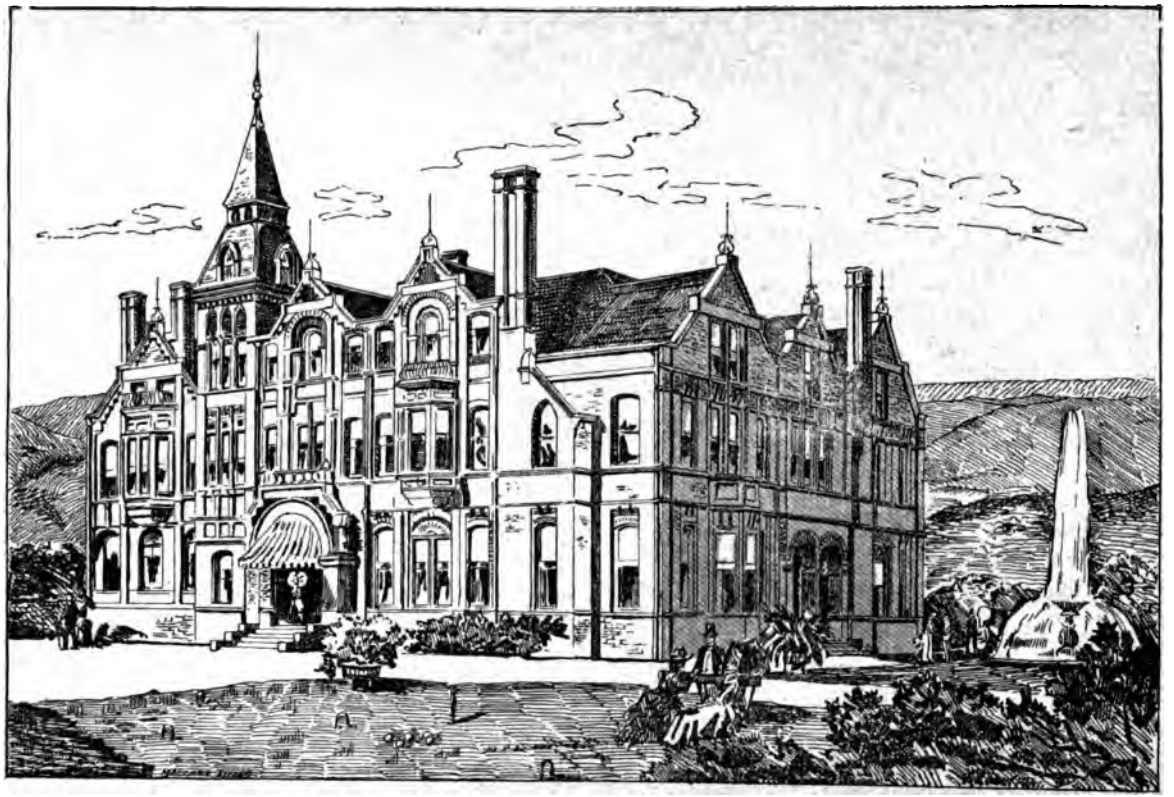

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MODERATOR:
REV. E. S. WILLIAMS,
Los Angeles.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
DEA. GEO. F. HILL,
Los Angeles.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER:
REV. JAS. T. FORD,
Los Angeles.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY:
REV. E. R. BRAINERD,
Los Angeles.

SCRIBE:
REV. S. W. DELZELL,
San Jacinto.

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REV. DENNIS GOODSELL,
Westminster.

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On Temperance—Rev. L. F. Bickford, Rev. D. I Case.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting—Rev D. D Ford, Rev. C. T. Weitzel, Rev. Geo. Willett

On Publication--Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. E. R. Bra Blackman.

On Home for Disabled Ministers—Rev. Harvey Cash, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Bro. H A. Palmer,

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DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING

General Association of California—Rev. A. J. W Palmer.

Synod of the Pacific—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

NEXT MEETING.

MINUTES.

(PRELIMINARY.)

At the annual meeting of the Southern California (District) Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches, held at Lugonia, May, 1886, a resolution was passed as follows;

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report at our next annual meeting as to the expediency of instituting a general association of Southern California, and also of forming two or more district associations within the limits of said general association. This committee was Rev. A. J. Wells, Rev. T. D. Murphy, Rev. J. T. Ford.

Following the suggestion of this resolution, and to facilitate action upon it by removing the possibility of question as to the attitude of the General Association of California toward the separation contemplated in this resolution, that association assembled in Woodland, Sept. 28th, 1886, passed without dissenting vote the following resolution:

Whereas, The number of the churches in the southern part of the State is now quite large and ought to be gathered in a general convention:

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That should the churches south of the northern line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties be disposed to organize themselves into a General Association of Southern California, this association will cordially acquiesce in such action and will bid them a sincere God-speed, and will do its full share in maintaining every year a practical and fraternal correspondence.

At the meeting of the Southern California (District) Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches, held May 3d, 1887, the committee appointed at the annual meeting in 1886, made a report in which they proposed for the consideration of the association the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we approve the formation of a General Association of Southern California.

Resolved, That we appoint a time during the period of this session of the Southern California Association for the formation of such general association.

Resolved, That this Association be separated after the close of this meeting into at least two district associations, one to be called the Los Angeles Association, and to comprehend, besides the churches of Los Angeles county, those also of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties until they desire to form a district association by themselves; another to be called the San Bernardino Association and to comprehend with the churches of San Bernardino county, those also of San Diego county, until the latter are ready to form a separate district association.

Resolved, That a time be appointed during the period of this meeting to take such steps as may be needful for the separate organization of such district associations.

The above resolutions were passed unanimously, and it was voted that a recess be taken at once to give opportunity for the formation of a General Association of Southern California.

General Congregational Association

OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

FIRST MEETING, LOS ANGELES, MAY 3, 1888.

Rev. T. C. Hunt was chosen Temporary Moderator, and Bro. G. W. Beattie, temporary Scribe. Rev. J. T. Ford, of Committee of the Southern California (District) Association on Formation of General Association, announced that said committee had transcended the commission given them, and to facilitate organization had prepared a form of constitution and rules for a general association, which they were ready to present for the consideration of this meeting.

It was voted to proceed to organize a General Association of Southern California, and to the consideration of the constitution proposed by the committee above named.

The Constitution was then read, and, after some amendments, was adopted in the following form:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local associations of congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe; also, triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston, June, 1865. [See Appendix A.]

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment, at a previous meeting.

By-Laws were adopted as follows:

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of business:

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The Association proceeded to organize on the basis of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted.

Officers were elected as follows:

Rev. T. C. Hunt, Moderator.
Rev. A. J. Wells, Assistant Moderator.
Bro. G W. Beattie, Scribe.
Rev. Jas. T. Ford, Registrar.
Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Statistical Secretary.

A Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of:

Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. A. J. Wells, Rev. T. D. Murphy.

They were instructed to report at an adjourned meeting to be held to-morrow, May 4th, at 9:30 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH, 9:30 A. M.

The committee on nominations reported, nominating permanent committees as follows, which report was adopted:

On Home Missions—Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev D. D. Hill, Rev. A. J. Wells, Bro. H. W. Mills, Dea. Baxter Todd, Rev. C T. Weitzel, Rev. T. D. Murphy, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Bro. G. W. Marston.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Rev. E C. Oakley, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Bro. A. S. McTherron, Bro. J. A. Rogers.

On Education—Rev. A. L Park, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. A. J. Wells, Rev. T. D. Murphy, Rev. J. T. Ford, Bro. H. W. Mills, Bro. Geo. C. Mack, Bro. G. W. Beattie.

On Temperance—Rev. J. H. Phillips, Rev. E. Cash, Rev. D. McCunn, Rev. W. H. Wolcott, Bro. Geo. C. Mack.

Of Arrangements for Next Meeting—The Minister of the Church with whom the meeting is held, the Registrar and Rev. S. H. Wheeler.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Bro. W. R. Blackman.

Voted to appoint two delegates to attend the General Association of California to be held in October, 1888.

Rev. J. T. Ford and Rev. T. D. Murphy were appointed.

A collection was taken to defray the expenses connected with this organization, amounting to $18.85, which was placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Voted that the next Annual Meeting of this Association be held with the First Church of Riverside.

Voted that the appointment of preacher for the next meeting be left with the Committee of Arrangements.

Voted to adjourn.

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 11:15 A. M.

Voted that the Committee on Education have full power to act in regard to propositions looking toward the establishment of a Christian College in Southern California, and if need be, in the appointment of Trustees; the committee to be required to take final action within thirty days.

Voted that the number of the committee be increased to twelve.

The Committee on Nominations reported the names of Rev. C. T. Weitzel, Rev. C. B. Sheldon, Rev. E. C. Oakley, and Bro. Jos. H. Smith, as the additional members.

The report was adopted.

Committees were appointed to visit Bellevue Academy and McPherron Academy, with instructions to report at the next meeting. For Bellevue Academy: Rev. A. L. Park, Rev. E. C. Oakley and Rev. J. D. Foster. For McPherron Academy: Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. F. A. Field, W. R. Blackman.

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 3:15 P. M.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The distance is so great between Northern and Southern California, our circumstances are so different, and the growth of Southern California so rapid as to require the most prompt and efficient action; and whereas, we have already organized a General Association of Southern California; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Association that the American Home Missionary Society should regard Southern California as an independent district alike in the superintendency, the apportionment of money and the obligations to be met.

It was ordered that a Committee on Comity be appointed by the Nominating Committee; also, delegates to represent this Association in the meetings of other denominational bodies.

The Committee on Nominations appointed as—

Committee on Comity—Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Rev. E. C. Oakley.

As Delegates to Other Bodies—To Baptist Association, Rev. T. C. Hunt; to Presbyterian Synod, Rev. L. H. Frary; to Methodist Episcopal Conference, Rev. D. D. Hill.

The Statistical Secretary was instructed to make his report in accordance with the request of the Secretary of the National Council as published in last Year-Book.

The minutes of the Association were read and approved, and the Association adjourned.

G. W. BEATTIE, Scribe.
JAS. T. FORD, Registrar.

Second Annual Meeting, Riverside, May 8, 1888.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California held its Second Annual Meeting with the Church at Riverside, beginning may 8th, at 7:30 P. M.

The Registrar, Rev. J. T. Ford, called the Association to order. The roll of delegates and ministers when completed was as follows:

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Santa Barbara	Dea. Chas. P. Low.
	Mrs. Sarah M. Low.
San Buenaventura	Dea. N W. Blanchard.
Los Angeles, First	Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.
	Dea. H. W. Mills.
Los Angeles, Park	Dea. James Gillespie.
	Dea. George F. Hill.
Los Angeles, Third	Rev. E. S. Williams.
	Mrs. Anna T. McIntosh.
Los Angeles, East	D. Gilbert Dexter.
San Bernardino, First	D. M. Bradford.
	Mrs R. A. Hopkins.
San Bernardino, Highland	G. E. Aplin.
Riverside	F. Caldwell.
	F. E. Kingman.
Westminster	George C. Mack.
Lugonia	Rev George Willett.
National City	A. G. Adams.
	Mrs. Thomas Walker.
Halleck	Not represented
Ontario	P. L. Thayer.
Vernon	Rev. C. S. Uzzell.
	Mrs. Clara M. Field.
Pasadena	H. K. W. Bent.
	H. N. Farey.
San Jacinto	Rev. S. W. Delzell.
Sierra Madre	Not represented.
San Diego, First	Rev. J. B. Silcox.
	J. P. Davies.
Oceanside	M. S Weitzel.
	Mrs. Sarah C. Weitzel.
Perris	D. G. Mitchell.
	Mrs. D. G. Mitchell.
South Riverside	Dea. F. H. Robinson.
Pomona	H. A. Palmer.
	Mrs. C B. Sumner.
Escondido	Rev. M. A Starr.
Poway	Rev. H. C. Abernethy.
Compton	Thomas Chambers.
Carlsbad	J A. Frazier.
Monrovia	William Smith.
San Diego, Second	Not represented.
Eagle Rock	Mrs. E. Cash.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Jas. T. Ford.
Rev. Fred. A. Field.
Rev J. D. Foster.
Rev Chas. H. Davis.
Rev. Henry M. Daniels.
Rev. Drummond McCunn.
Rev. Elijah Cash
Rev. Chas. B. Sheldon.
Rev. Austin L. Park.
Rev. Wm. H. Wolcott.
Rev. T. C. Hunt
Rev. T. D. Murphy.
Rev E. D. Weage.
Rev. Lucien H. Frary.
Rev. Chas. H. Weitzel.
Rev. Chas. B. Sumner.
Rev. Dennis Goodsell.
Rev. H. P. Case.
Rev. E C. Oakley.
Rev. L. F. Bickford.
Rev E. E. P. Abbott.
Rev. D. H. Colcord.
Rev. D. D. Hill.
Rev. Harvey Jones.
Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D.

DELEGATES FROM GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D. Rev. W. C. Pond.

INVITED TO SIT WITH THE ASSOCIATION AS HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Geo. A. Rawson.
Rev. G J Travis
Rev. F. B. Perkins.
Rev. Anselm B. Brown.
Rev. R. M. Webster.
Rev. Geo A. Savory.
Rev. A. H. Burnell.
Rev. Wm. W. Snell.
Rev. J. B. Stewart, D. D.
Rev. H. B Gage.
Rev. H. S. Munger.

Rev. E. S. Williams was chosen Moderator and Rev. S. W. Delzell, Scribe.

The Moderator opened the meeting of the Association with prayer.

Then followed devotional services led by Rev. C. T. Weitzel and the opening sermon by Rev. J. B. Silcox, from Rom. 10: 13, 14, 15.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 9TH.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 A. M.

Dea. George F. Hill was chosen Assistant Moderator, and Rev. D. Goodsell, Assistant Scribe.

A Committee on Nominations was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of Rev. C. T. Weitzel, Rev. C. B. Sheldon, Rev. F. A. Field; also, a Committee on Business and Resolutions, consisting of Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. L. H. Frary, and H. A. Palmer, Esq.

The Committee on Program reported, presenting an order of exercises for Association, which was adopted.

Voted that all Christian ministers, and especially the resident ministers of this city, who may be present with us at any time during this meeting, be invited to sit with us as honorary members and take part in our discussions.

Then followed a devotional meeting led by Rev. C. S. Uzzell.

The Committee on Temperance, in the absence of its chairman, reported by Bro. Geo. C. Mack, offering resolutions as follows:

Resolved, That we, as Christian churches and individuals, most emphatically condemn the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants as a beverage.

Resolved, That we recognize in Jesus Christ the all-sufficient Savior of men from the power and dominion of alcohol, and the presentation and acceptance of Christ as the means by which the works of the devil shall be overthrown.

After discussion the resolutions were re-committed, and Rev. E. C. Oakley and Rev. H. B. Case were added to the committee, with instructions to report later in the session.

Rev. C. B. Sumner read a paper setting forth the need of Christian schools, and presenting, especially, the claims of Pomona College. [See Appendix, B.]

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D., and Rev. W. C. Pond, representing the General Association of California, addressed the Association.

Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., made an address outlining and illustrating the "Fundamental Principles of Congregationalism."

Brief reports of the state of religion in the churches were made by delegates. Rev. E. C. Oakley, with a view to the summing up of these reports, was appointed Committee on Narrative.

Wednesday Evening.

After devotional services, Rev. J. T. Ford, Home Mission Superintendent, made his annual report. [See Appendix, C.]

Rev. E. C. Oakley, Secretary of the A. C. U. for Southern California, set forth in an address the work of the Union and its claims upon the churches.

Addresses in behalf of Home Missions were made by Rev. E. S. Williams and Rev. Geo. Willett.

Thursday morning, May 10.

After devotional exercises, the Committee on Business and Resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

POMONA COLLEGE.

Whereas, We believe the opportune moment has arrived when the Congregational churches of California must begin the work of higher Christian education;

Resolved, That we pledge our sympathy and support to this important interest; that we henceforth regard the College at Pomona as our special care; that we will plan for its efficiency and permanence; and that we bespeak for its Trustees, and for the Rev. C. B. Sumner, their representative, the co-operation and prayers of all our brethren throughout this commonwealth.

THE PACIFIC.

Resolved, That we recommend the Pacific to the members of our churches, and trust that they will subscribe for the paper, and do all they can to promote its interests.

PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Resolved, That we commend the work done in this excellent institution, and heartily recommend it to young men preparing for the ministry, and to men of wealth who desire to honor God and advance the interests of His kingdom with their means.

JOINT MEETING.

Resolved, That the delegates to be appointed to represent this Association at the next annual meeting of the General Association of California be fully empowered, as a committee, to arrange a plan for occasional joint meetings of said bodies.

THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY.

Resolved, That this Association returns sincere thanks to the pastor and members of this Church in Riverside for their hearty welcome and generous hospitality.

The Committee on Temperance presented the following in addition to the resolutions already offered by them for the consideration of this body:

While recognizing the right of private judgment, and affirming that each church member must be responsible for his own personal action in regard to the liquor traffic; be it

Resolved, As the sentiment of this Association, representing the Congregational Ministers and Churches of Southern California, that we favor the absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, and we urge upon all persons connected with our churches to use their influence and their vote definitely for the suppression of the saloon, and the accomplishment of local and national prohibition.

The report of this committee, comprehending with this the two resolutions at first presented, was adopted.

The Committee on Publication reported, recommending the publication in pamphlet form of the minutes of this meeting, and with them the minutes of the meeting at which this association was organized; also, the assessment of the churches at the rate of six cents per member, to defray the expenses of publication.

News of the death of Rev. C. A. Stone, of Lugonia, having come to us during the meeting, the following minute was adopted:

Having heard with sorrow of the death of Rev. C. A. Stone, our brother and co-laborer, we wish, as the General Association of Southern California, to express our sympathy and our sense of loss to his wife and family in the time of their trouble, and pray that God will comfort them by the Holy Spirit, and in the hour of this tribulation will deepen their faith and dependence upon God. "God is a very present help in time of trouble." May our stricken friends find Him full of consolation and strength.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following for Permanent Committees:

On Home Missions—Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. J. B. Silcox, Dea N. W. Blanchard.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. H. P. Case, Rev. A. B. White, Bro. A. S. McPherron.

On Education—Rev. E. C. Oakley, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. T. D. Murphy.

On Temperance—Rev. L. F. Bickford, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. H. P. Case.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Pastor of Church—Rev. D. D. Hill, Registrar of Association—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. C. T. Weitzel, Rev. Geo. Willett, Rev. C. S. Uzzell.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Bro. W. R. Blackman.

The same committee made further nominations, as follows:

Delegates to General Association of California—Rev. A. J. Wells, Bro. H. A. Palmer.

Delegate to the Synod of the Pacific—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

Preacher for Next Meeting—Rev. C. T. Weitzel; Alternate, Rev. Geo. Willett.

They also proposed the following to be added to the By-Laws of the Association:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

The report of the committee was adopted, the Scribe having been directed to cast the ballot of the Association for the preacher and alternate nominated by the committee.

Pasadena was chosen as the place to hold the next meeting.

The Moderator having been called away, Rev. J. B. Silcox was chosen to take his place for the remainder of the session.

Rev. T. D. Murphy and Dea. N. W. Blanchard made statements of a proposition from Santa Paula to grant lands and money to found an academy, to be placed in charge of the Congregational Churches as represented in the General Association of Southern California.

This proposition was referred to the Committee on Education, with instruction to report during the present session of the Association.

Rev. Harvey Jones made statement of a proposition from Dea. H. W. Mills to grant land, on certain conditions, for a Home for Disabled Ministers.

The proposition was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. T. C. Hunt and Bros. H. A. Palmer and Geo. F. Hill.

Rev. H. P. Case made report of the progress of Sunday School work under his charge as State Superintendent. [See Appendix, D.]

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises. Rev. Jas. H. Harwood. D. D., read a paper on the importance of Evangelistic work.

The subject was earnestly discussed, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize the great value to the churches of the work of men set apart to Evangelistic service, and recommend that the Home Missionary Committee, seeking guidance ot God, take measures to secure the services of an Evangelist to labor, as the way may open, in the churches and mission fields of Southern California.

The Education Committee made report concerning the proposition as to Academy at Santa Paula, recommending:

1st. That the proposition be accepted.

2nd. That the following named persons be appointed as Trustees: W. L. Hardison, Hon. Thos. R. Bard, Thos. Barrows, N. W. Blanchard, Prof. Theodore S. Wolsey, E. S. Thacher, Chas. L. McKevett, Rev. Sherlock Bristoll, R. E. Curran, M. D., Rev. E. R. Mills, Rev. T. D. Murphy, Rev. Chas. T. Weitzell.

3rd. That the Trustees, in their Articles of Incorporation, shall include this condition: That not less than two-thirds of the Trustees at any time shall be members of Congregational churches.

4th. That after incorporation the Trustees adopt as a standing rule, that elections of Trustees shall be made from nominations made by the General Association of Southern California.

The report was adopted:

Bro. H. A. Palmer spoke on "Church Finances," in place of Rev. E. R. Brainerd, who was absent.

Rev. C. T. Weitzel read a paper on "The Church Covenant of Watch and Care."

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we commend to our churches our seven benevolent societies, and especially request every church to take up an annual collection for each society, and for the sake of uniformity and co-operation we suggest that the time of these contributions be distributed through the year somewhat as follows: January—A. B. C. F. M. Last Sunday of February—A. H. M. S. May—A. M. A. June—Congregational S. S. and Pub. Society. September—Am. Coll. and Ed. Society. October—New West Ed. Com. December—American Congregational Union.

The special committee to whom was referred the proposition concerning a Home for Disabled Ministers, reported as follows:

The committee desires, in behalf of the General Association, to express its obligation to Bro. H. W. Mills for his most generous offer of either of two eligible sites for a Home for Disabled Ministers. We think the offer timely, and most earnestly wish we could see our way clear to accept it and comply with its conditions; but, in view of other obligations already assumed, and of the paucity of our resources, we feel that it would be an injustice to Bro. Mills too hastily to accept his kind offer.

We therefore recommend that the matter be referred to a committee, who may consult with Bro. Mills and others and devise measures to secure provision in some form for our disabled ministers, with authority to act for the Association in the acceptance of any proposition made for this purpose; and, if thought best, in the formation of a society to take charge of the interest in question.

The report was adopted, and the committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Bro. H. A. Palmer and Bro. Geo. F. Hill.

Thursday Evening.

After devotional services the Association listened to a sermon from Rev. E. E. P. Abbott. The Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. H. M. Daniels and Rev. H. C. Abernethy presiding. The minutes were approved, and the Association adjourned.

S. W. Delzell, Scribe.
Jas. T. Ford, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

A.

DECLARATION OF FAITH,

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled —like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed We declare that the experience of nearly two and a halt centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers, that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State, and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more, above that which is less, important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; that the division of such communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter are delivered from the power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and apostles, and in the life, the miracles, the death, the resurrection, of his Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming, now, our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one Catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of his body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world, and "preach the gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hope: "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

B.

COLLEGE REPORT.

By Rev. C. B. Sumner.

This paper is presented to the Association by the special request of the Committee on Program, in place of the report of the Committee on Education. It is therefore in reality a report on Christian Education. As such, weighty as are the themes before us for discussion, none is more important, none more immediately practical to our families, to our churches, to the world about us, than this. The magnitude of the subject grows with study till it becomes actually oppressive.

We are practically in a new country, busied with the beginning of things. From a historic view-point what a mighty future do these beginnings portend. History repeats itself. Are we, descendants of the Pilgrims, to repeat the history of Christian civilization wrought out in New England, on these Pacific shores? How different the surroundings. What is there auspicious, save in the breasts of these weary, wayworn Pilgrims, as on a wintry morning they look out for the first time upon the bleak and desolate shores of New England? How much more inviting the prospect that meets our gaze. Standing by the bedside of John Harvard, as eighteen years after the landing on Plymouth Rock, he bequeaths 779 pounds of money and 300 volumes of books to help found an institution of learning in that little colony of a few hundred persons, what is there to impress us except the faith in the future represented in this act of benevolence? Humanly speaking, is not the outlook before us incomparably superior? That forecast of Harvard, nevertheless, is a divine inspiration. Most men would reason, give that money and those books to some church, or to a fund for supporting churches and ministers—this is the first and most blessed work in a new community. Harvard's larger wisdom looked to the needed supply of Christianly educated ministers and others who should mold the coming generations and give New England her prestige and power. Had that bequest been turned into any other channel, even into what is called the more direct work of the churches and the ministry, does any one suppose that New England would have become what it has become, done what it has done for Christ and humanity, even in spite of later heterodoxy? Did even that grand Seer see the Harvard of to-day with its $6,000,000, and an annual income of $600,000? Sixty years after came Yale. Was it needed? Granted there were two colonies with different interests, would not the money have been better expended in other channels? Then Dartmouth, Amherst, Williams, Bowdoin, etc., etc. What an array. Not one too many. These men were wiser in their gifts and sacrifices than their generation, wiser than they themselves knew. They were God's workmen, working not for the day, but laying foundations for the great future. What a debt of gratitude we owe them, not only as a denomination, but as citizens of our fair Republic, as members of the human family. Truly their lines have gone out into all the earth. This history has been already repeated and emphasized in how many more of our States. We Congregationalists, certainly, ought not to be slow in reading the signs of the times and the place, respecting educational institutions. The history of our churches is quite largely the history of education in our land. Christian education is a vital part of our faith. If our churches were not actively interested in Christian education we should be false to our history, false to our faith, false to our Lord.

Here we are on the Pacific Coast, separated by thousands of miles and a lofty mountain chain from the older States with their civilizations and institutions. We must have our own educational institutions or practically go uneducated. Immense resources surround us; our interests are peculiar to ourselves, unlike those of any other part of our country. Our civilization must be largely our own, and our educational institutions must conform thereto. It is a sad necessity which sends out children far from home, into foreign scenes, to be educated. We are mostly new comers. The reasons that have brought us here will doubtless bring many more here. The tide of immigration is remarkable. There is no parallel in the matter of numbers. Do other new communities need early educational institutions? How

much more this which is growing beyond all precedent. Then, too, consider what class of people is coming among us. A much larger proportion than is usual are Congregationalists. Our churches are forming and filling in a day. The membership too is choice, intelligent, cultured. They know good schools and will have them. Of all denominations we need to be foremost in establishing Christian schools in this part of our land.

We have already seen that in the nature of things, such are our resources, such is our situation, such our climate, and such the circumstances of our development, that we must have a civilization of our own. Reasons are not wanting for believing that this civilization is to be a higher, richer, riper type of Christian civilization than the world has yet seen. Very many circumstances seem to conspire to this end. Certain it is that our Heavenly Father has kept one of the most attractive spots the foot of man ever trod, to be opened to civilization at this late day, for some worthy object. In the providence of God this part of the world must have a mission In this age such a mission requires special fitness, and along the lines of Christian civilization. What more likely than that this coast is to become the basis of a great Christian mission to the masses of unchristianized people on the Eastern Continent? They are our neighbors. We are constantly holding communication with them, and becoming familiar with them and they with us. We see their needs and how to reach them. What more natural than that we become largely responsible for their conversion. Such a mission would require the highest type of Christian civilization and education Christianity has there the most deeply intrenched, the most subtle, and the most skillful opponents it has ever been called upon to meet. The case requires no argument. If New England needed Christian schools and colleges for her great mission, if also the Middle and Western States needed them for their mission, much more do we need them here. I say much more, and advisedly. The world is farther advanced. Greater interests would be sacrificed without them. Never was so imperative demand for laying broad and deep foundations for Christian education.

Now the State cannot do this. Logically State schools are godless schools. At least this position is gaining ground in our States, and nowhere more positively than in California.

I say nothing against public schools. They have a very important function Far be it from me to undervalue them. But public schools do not render less necessary Christian schools. Experience proves that by far the larger part, especially of higher education, is received from some form of private school. In our own State the whole number in public high schools is 1,698. The number in private seminaries and preparatory schools is 6,969. In the entire country the number of students in the higher schools of the State is only about one-twentieth of the number in private institutions. Evidently, then, if we are to have higher education for our children we must lay the foundations of such institutions through our religious bodies. Further than this, our State precludes the teaching of religion, and so according to the best authorities does not even teach morality. I quote from Dr. Stratton's Inaugural at Mills' Seminary. Washington says: "Reason and revelation both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." Webster says: "Our ancestors established their system of government on morality and

religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, nor any government be secure which is not supported by moral truth. Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens." Like quotations might easily be multiplied. Surely then we need higher institutions of learning of a Christian type. We may learn something from Roman Catholicism. Her growth in the United States is undoubtedly due more to her unwavering opposition to public schools, and her system of parochial schools than to any other cause. We are told that she owes her predominance in two of the prominent countries of Europe to getting control of the universities. The Jesuits through the education of the youth are acknowledged to have been the most effective means in securing the reaction after the reformation. Now we have to meet Rome on our own soil, in this matter of education, and not Rome alone but all her allies, infidelity, atheism, etc., etc.

The times demand more and more highly educated men and women in all the departments of life. The schools we attended are not good enough for our children. This is nowhere more true than in the highest colleges in the land. They are yearly growing better. If, therefore, we are to have Christian men and women for special evangelistic and mission work we must have the best Christian schools of to-day right in our midst. If we wish our children to think and feel as we thought and felt we must educate them under similar auspices to those under which we were educated. The highest schools form those below Is it not then high time our college took its place among us? As men and women we are already pledged to it—our one and only college — by virtue of our ancestry, our inheritance, our needs, yes, by our mission, by the stern logic of history. Behold what an interested company of witnesses look down upon us this day as we approach more nearly this great subject --the Yales, the Harvards, the Wheelocks, the Hitchcocks, the Dwights, the Hopkins — yea, the Lord Himself. Shall we not prove true to our opportunity?

Where do we stand to-day? What has already been accomplished? What are our immediate prospects? Under the direction and inspiration of the Association, and of the fathers of our denomination in the State, the matter has long been before the churches. One year ago full authority was given by the Association to a large Educational Committee to locate a college and start it on its mission. May 18th the committee located the college at Pomona, and elected nine Trustees, viz: Messrs. H. A. Palmer, H. K. W. Bent, Nathan W. Blanchard and Seth Richards, Revs. J. T. Ford, A J. Wells, C. B. Sheldon, J. H. Harwood, D. D., and C. B Sumner. At subsequent meetings of the Trustees, Revs. T. C. Hunt, D. D. Hill, J. K. McLean, D D., Judge Anson Brunson, Messrs. Elwood Cooper and Geo. W. Marston were added to the number. Incorporation was secured, organization effected and by-laws passed, fulfilling the legal requirements. The board made choice of Mr. H. A. Palmer as President, Mr. N W. Blanchard, Vice-President, Rev. C. B. Sheldon, Treasurer, and Rev. C. B. Sumner, Secretary.

After some months it was found necessary that some one devote his whole time to the college, and the Secretary was chosen Financial Agent. He entered upon his duties about the first of April.

The land donated to the college, contiguous to the campus, has been platted, allowing over thirty acres to the campus. Plans for our first building have been prepared under the direction of Mr. Clinton Day, an architect from San Francisco, and approved. It is contemplated to build wholly of brick, or the first story of stone and the rest of brick, a three-story building, about one hundred feet front by about eighty feet deep, a plain but very neat and substantial building suited to the needs of the day. The corner stone is to be laid early in July. We hope to be able to go forward rapidly as possible to completion, paying our bills as we go.

Our resources are not all that we could wish, but they reflect credit upon Pomona. If the lands are sold at the Trustees appraisal, we may expect ultimately to realize from the Pomona donations, besides the campus, enough to pay for our first building and about one hundred thousand dollars towards our endowment. If other places do proportionately as well as Pomona, and our wealthy friends do their part, we shall not lack for the necessary funds.

The situation of the college is one of the finest possible in this land of beauty and healthfulness. It is near the foot-hills, on a table-land of one hundred acres, forty feet above the surrounding country, twelve hundred feet above sea level. A most fertile valley of vineyards and orchards stretches thirty-five miles in front, backed by picturesque hills which just hide the sea forty miles distant, the same valley reaching towards the left fifty miles over San Bernardino to the foot-hills of San Bernardino mountain, and San Jacinto, almost perpetually snow-capped. On the right the eye takes in the whole of the San Gabriel valley, the foot-hill towns, with the mountains behind Pasadena, and in the evening the electric lights of Los Angeles; and immediately in the rear the foot-hills terminate in Old Baldy and the San Antonio peaks. The climate as nearly as possible equalizes the advantages and disadvantages of coast and inland towns.

What of the future? Our college, as we have seen, is the child of the churches. Our general educational policy has grown up with us: indeed it is our heritage. Congregationalists have always been foremost in establishing and fostering higher institutions of learning, and have always maintained, too, the same policy, one central college, with schools leading up to the college in convenient localities all around. One of my earliest recollections in such matters is the discussion of this question by the then honored Secretary of our Education Society. He maintained that there should be but one college of our denomination encouraged in a State. "We have made two exceptions," I remember well the manner in which he made the remark, "and have regretted both the exceptions." There is no dissent from this policy among us so far as I know. We are bound to have, not many second rate institutions, but one college, and that one worthy the patronage of our most cultured constituency. We will make it unnecessary to send our children over the mountains to be educated out of sympathy with their home surroundings. We propose to move slowly, but surely; to take no back steps, and so far and fast as we do go, to have the best it is possible to have. Of course this means sympathy, co-operation, prayer, work, in all our churches, in all our families.

Dr. Strong, of Carleton College, in a recent visit to the college grounds, which was a very helpful one, after expressing himself strongly as to the need and the prospects of the college, said: "You need not expect much of this college till some one is willing to sacrifice for it." Brethren, there are some who are not only willing, but who have already sacrificed for it, and will continue to sacrifice for it. I shall be disappointed if there are not found some in every one of our churches who are ready to sacrifice for it. We certainly have not degenerated to such a degree. But the college must be known, must be felt. Every minister must himself preach about it More than this, he must permit the college to be represented in his pulpit. Understand me, I do not mean that an appeal should be made for money from these pulpits Solicitations of that kind will, I trust, be more personal. The great thing we want is interest, prayer, a sense of responsibility, ownership. The people must be taught the present and future educational needs of this part of our land. The churches must realize that the college work is a part of the church work: the salvation of our families, of our State, of our Nation, of the vast heathen world, is largely dependent on it. Let us foster this institution with our money, with our patronage, with our influence. Let us also be on the watch to encourage and build up schools leading up to the college. It is a matter of congratulation that we shall have represented here to-day one such new school, to be established at Santa Paula. We understand that about twelve thousand dollars has already been raised, and they expect to make the amount up to twenty thousand, and to secure their building so as to commence the school next autumn.

The future of this section of country has passed out of the problematical, so far as numbers go. The most conservative look for a million of people in Southern California alone within twenty years. That is more than double the number in the whole State of Connecticut when some of us graduated at Yale College. Do we realize what that means? It has taken Yale two hundred years to get ready for such a constituency. How short the time we have in which to get ready for such numbers. Does not a mighty responsibility rest on us? We have not a day to lose. The scholars will be upon us before we can possibly get ready for them, unless we bend every energy to the task. Indeed they are already upon us, calling for a Preparatory School, for a Freshman class in a college course. In face of the facts our Trustees were compelled to pass a unanimous vote to open our work in September of the present year. If we cannot get our buildings in readiness on the ground, then we must begin in Pomona. We will endeavor to begin with the best teachers the country affords Let every one of us do all in our power to make our success as great as possible from the start.

[On going to press we are able to announce that the first College term will open September 12, 1888, at Pomona, with competent Professors, and suitable provision for board of students of both sexes.

For further information inquire of Rev. C. B. Sumner, Secretary of Trustees, Pomona.]

C.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION SUPERINTENDENT,

REV. J. T. FORD.

We came together last year in the midst of a whirl of real estate speculation. At that time money flowed freely, and many were ready, from worldly as well as Christian motives, to encourage, by abundant gifts, the planting of churches Lands were changing hands continually at increasing prices, and lots in many places were freely offered to churches that would build upon them. Multitudes from beyond the mountains were crowding to this coast, many of them the Lord's people. At that time the one work lying right before us seemed to be to take advantage of this movement of money and lands and men, entering into it with all holy energy and alertness, to gather in treasures for Christ and his church. The prominent results of the year in our home missionary work have been mainly in this line of effort. More churches have been organized, more members have been received to the churches by letter, more new missions have been established, more houses of worship have been built, more money is reported as contributed for home mission work, more and larger donations have been made in land and money to purposes of Christian benevolence, than ever before.

During the year ten new churches have been organized. These are: In Los Angeles county, Pomona, Monrovia, Pico Heights, Long Beach and Compton; in San Bernardino county, South Riverside: in San Diego county, Escondido, Sweetwater, Carlsbad and San Diego Second. All these, except the church at Long Beach, were organized under home missionary auspices. Three other organizations have not been named, because they are either not yet complete, or have not been recognized by council These are Plymouth and West End in the city of Los Angeles and Saticoy in Ventura county. Not counting these three, the number of our churches is now 35, of which 21 receive home missionary aid. Besides these 19 places have had preaching appointments at regular intervals, making the whole number of fields occupied by churches and missionary stations 54.

The number of accredited Congregational ministers in active service within the bounds of this Association is 41, of whom 23 have received home missionary aid during the past year. We have 15 ministers not in active service, making the whole number 56. All our home mission churches have been regularly supplied with ministerial service throughout the year, with the single exception of the church in San Jacinto, which remained unsupplied about one month. This is in accordance with a rule adopted and rigidly adhered to—that the supply of our churches must be made continuous, if possible. We have regarded this rule as of great importance, especially in our present condition of rapid movement in population and surroundings. We have said, Let us see that our churches are manned, with the best men if possible, but, in any event, let us see that they are manned.

During the year houses of worship have been built and made ready for use at East Los Angeles, Pico Heights and West End, in the city and suburbs of Los Angeles; at Pomona and Ontario: at San Diego, for the Second church: also at Perris and Halleck. Others have been erected, but not yet made ready for use, at Oceanside, Carlsbad and

Escondido. Subscriptions have been made for church-building by the Park church, Los Angeles; also by the churches of Monrovia, San Jacinto and Eagle Rock. All these church enterprises, fifteen in number, have been undertaken by our home missionary churches. Add to these the new buildings of the churches at Pasadena and Long Beach, and our church-building enterprises for the year count up to seventeen. Adding further the lecture-room built in connection with the church at Ventura, which should count at least as half a church, and these enterprises equal half the number of our churches. The churches already erected have cost about $60,000. Those for which subscriptions are made are estimated to cost about $25,000.

Of the growth of our churches in membership we have no complete statistics for the year ending with the present date. For indications as to this year's growth of the churches we must depend on statistics published by the General Association of California, covering a period of sixteen months, ending January 1, 1888. From these it appears that during that time the membership of our Southern California churches doubled, increasing from 900 to 1,800 These are round numbers, made up by adding to the aggregate for churches reported a fair estimate for churches not reported. Two-thirds of this increase was made in churches that within that time received home missionary aid. More than one-half this increase was made by the formation and growth of churches organized within that period. It is worthy of note, however, that the additions by letter are more than double the number of the additions on confession of faith We have been engaged in the laudable work of gathering in and conserving to the church the already converted element of the inflowing immigration. We have not done too much of this work. The needs of the hour urge us to more faithfulness in seeking out our Christian brethren as they come to our coast, and giving them the hand of welcome. They are affected either for good or evil by the influences which greet them at their arrival. The change of home is the occasion for change in habits and character even among church members. We may well double our diligence, lest church members who come to us, being separated from heavenly influences of former homes, and enveloped in a California atmosphere of worldliness and indifference, sink into spiritual stupefaction and become lost to the church. But we have to thank God that he has given us some fruit also in the conversion of souls Nearly three hundred persons, an average of nine to each church, have been received on confession of faith. Not all of these, however, can be reckoned as newly converted. Some are of those who, from long absence from their churches, have lost their former membership. Others have come to us from churches that give no letters of transfer to our fold. But so large a part of them are newly converted as to encourage the belief that the prevailing and persistent indifference to gospel influences that has characterized the past of this region is broken, and the time, the set time, to favor Zion has come.

Four of our churches have, within the year, assumed the entire support of their ministry. These are National City, Pomona, Vernon and Poway; though, in regard to the latter place, it should rather be said that the minister, with the aid of the church, supports himself.

The home mission contributions of our churches, as reported in the *Home Missionary* for the financial year, which ended April 1st, were $2,916.71, which is at the rate of $1.66 per member. Of the churches that have exceeded this rate, Pomona, Los Angeles First and Vernon

have contributed more than $3.00 per member: Sierra Madre about $2.60 per member; Lugonia, Santa Barbara and Halleck about $2 00 per member. Yet, he who sits over against the treasury, may say concerning some poor mission field, which, having striven with self-denial to do what it could for the support of its minister, has contributed only its two mites to the specific home missionary collection, "This one has put in more than they all." Your Superintendent, visiting not long since a newly settled neighborhood in a mountain region where some of the ranches were exceedingly declivitous, urged upon the congregation to make their voluntary Sabbath contributions more systematic by setting apart the tenth. One man spoke out in meeting, and said, "I could easier give a tenth of my income than make my Sabbath contribution. I'll give all my ranch, if anybody will climb up on a ladder and get it."

Concerning some half a dozen of our ministers, it may be said they give half their living to the home missionary work. One receives only $250 from his people, and prefers to ask nothing from the Society. Five others received last year not more than $500 each from their peo le, aided by the Home Missionary Society. These are ministers as able and faithful as others who receive double that amount. In cases like these, the minister may be said to support the church, as truly as the church to support the minister.

The gratifying progress of the year has been made notwithstanding the Superintendent was absent from the field during the three summer months, and also in the face of the fact that, for the last six months of the year, we were forbidden to undertake new work with home missionary money, because of the debt of the Society. That such progress has been made under such conditions is due, largely, to the home missionary zeal with which our ministers, aided by their churches, have pushed the work, each in his own part of the field: to the self-sacrifice with which some ministers, coming to us from abroad, were ready to enter upon new work, without assurance of home missionary aid: and, not least, to the efficient co-operation of our Sunday-school missionary, Rev. H. P. Case.

There lies before us now the work of the coming year—a work no less important and imperative than that which confronted us a year ago. Indeed, we must make larger plans now than we made then. The real growth of this region has exceeded the sanguine expectations of that time. Several of our more important places are believed to have doubled their population during the year. The face of many a village and city has been changed almost beyond recognition by the multiplication of its houses. Every principal town has now its street car lines, its motor roads, its electric railways, reaching out into its suburban territory: and most of these have been built or completed within one year. The planting of trees and vines, which was neglected during the real estate craze of a year ago, is now taken up with renewed activity. The mineral resources of the country are being developed, manufacturing enterprises are undertaken; and, thus, new means of livelihood are opened for those who come here for climate's sake, and for climate's sake are bound to stay. We rejoice in the unprecedented progress of our church work, but we have not kept pace with this rush of material advancement. The population of the city of Los Angeles is believed to have doubled within the past two years: but its church accommodations have not doubled. It may be doubted

whether there is room in its churches for one-sixth of its population. We must quicken our steps; we must open wider our purses: we must take hold on the divine power with new agony of prayer, or California is hopelessly materialized, and those who come to us from abroad will be caught and carried away by the world spirit, and become with us of the earth earthy.

We have ventured to ask for a home missionary apportionment from New York, for the coming year, nearly double that which we received last year. We have asked for $13,000, and we hope by our added contributions to make the full amount $16,000. But it is enough to make us blush with shame to think that all the Home Missionary investment we dare to plan for to advance our work throughout Southern California is not so much as is often expended to build some single hotel in some embryo country town We find open before us some fifteen or twenty fields where we venture to think of starting new work the coming year. These are not all the most needy fields. We look at waiting work among the poor and the vile of our cities, and we say we cannot undertake any more of that; it will cost too much; it will be long in coming to self-support. We look at the neglected population of our remote settlements and of our mining camps, and we pass by on the other side, for we have neither the money nor the men for such work. We must spend the little we have where we may expect to form churches that will soon come to self-support; and the result is we contend with other denominations for the occupation of so called promising fields Churches are multiplied in these, and the more needy are left without the bread of life. And so the poverty of our treasury—shall we not rather say our soul poverty—stands in the way of our giving to the world this crowning evidence of the divine mission of our Christianity, "To the poor the gospel is preached."

At the beginning of the year we proposed to extend our work in the counties of Santa Barbara, Kern and San Luis Obispo, all of which have as yet only two churches of our connection. But after the return of your Superintendent to his field in August, pressing work demanded his attentien in the three southern counties until October, and then came the word, "No more money for new work ;" and so on account of the poverty of our treasury our work is delayed in all that extensive region. It remains to be taken up this coming year.

The perplexing problem before us is, How shall we obtain money for the work that God brings to our hand? There are men enough waiting to enter upon it. Hardly a day passes but a letter comes to us from some minister who, out of care for his own health or the health of some one of his household, desires to come to California. The fields are now open, and the men are ready, but who will furnish the laborer his hire. Money will not come so readily to hand this year as it did last year. The time for evolving it from the air is past. This year it must be dug from the ground. But with the richer joy of a giving that which costs us something, may we not hope that the gifts of our churches will abound more and more?

But the practical question comes back again, How shall we gather the money for this work?

1. Let the richer churches make common cause with the needy mission fields. Are we not all brethren? There is a principle underlying the Christian communism of the pentecostal time that seeks for application here.

2. Let the churches that have long leaned upon home missionary aid cast aside their crutches, and find new joy and strength in helping others more needy than themselves. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

3. Let all the churches, whether great or small, enter upon some systematic method of gathering in their offerings for the Lord's work. The poverty of our collections is the result of want of thought, as well as of want of heart. One of our churches that has given most largely to home missions in proportion to its numbers has been accustomed to devote the contributions of every communion Sabbath to mission work. Faithful and enthusiastic collectors, calling upon all who should be expected to give, often work wonderful results. Better still, let every individual set apart of his receipts, first to the Lord, before appetite or pride, with specious pleas, have stolen away the Lord's money Let him religiously set apart the tenth, if love does not move him to do more. If we approve this method, let us follow it, and the coffers of our benevolent societies will not lack.

4. For home missionary giving let us set before ourselves some standard to be reached. "One million a year for home missions" was the standard set up for our churches years ago by the sainted Goodell. Nothing less than this can satisfy the demands of our work. This is about $2.50 per year per member, or, allowing for the usual proportion in legacies, about $2.00 per year per member, from church collections. This is about four cents per week. We tried to reach this ratio the past year, but have fallen short. Let us remember that whatever we raise goes to the work of our own field, as so much in addition to the apportionment from New York. If we reach this standard—$2.00 per member—we have $4,000 to add to our apportionment. Let each church resolve in church meeting to do this. Let each minister make it a part of his duty for the year to devise means to gather this amount. If it cannot be done by one collection, let another collection be made. The organization of our Woman's Home Missionary Societies will help grandly to this end.

But let no church consider that its home missionary work is finished by its gifts of money. It is planted right there, that it may evangelize its whole special field. It has a mission from God to preach the gospel to every soul in that field Then reaching out to neglected neighborhood, let it establish new centers of effort, and thus become the mother of other churches. This is the simple Congregational method of home missionary effort. If it were heartily and prayerfully entered upon, we might here and now shout for joy, for the redemption of California draweth nigh.

D.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By Rev. H. P. Case, State Superintendent.

The Sunday School Committee appointed by the last Association has requested the undersigned to report. The following is presented as of common interest on this subject:

The growth of our Sunday Schools in number, enrollment and efficiency, has kept pace with the rapid extension of our church work during the past year, as the accompanying statistics will show.

Much has been done. Yet much *needed* doing. More remains still undone.

At the beginning of May, last year, the writer was commissioned by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society as its Superintendent for Southern California. In his specific work he has attempted to co-operate with our churches, pastors and Home Missionary Superintendent. His labors are summarized below:

As the result of extended and careful observation among our Sunday School workers, we believe our schools and our common cause can be greatly helped by the following

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That every Sunday School use our own Lesson Helps and publications. They are excelled by none. [As to discounts, if *really needed*, consult the State Superintendent]

2. That Teachers' Meetings and Sunday School Prayer Meetings be regularly held.

3. That all workers keep in mind the supreme object of our work: the conversion and Christian culture of our scholars.

4. That occasional Sunday School Institutes be held with individual or grouped churches for the purpose of perfecting school methods, training teachers and arousing interest.

5. That each church with its school observe Children's Day—second Sunday in June—and take a collection for the missionary work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

SUMMARIZED SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1888.

I. General Statistics. Sunday Schools connected with Congregational Churches in Southern California:

San Luis Obispo county	1
Santa Barbara county	1
San Buenaventura county	2
Los Angeles county	23
San Bernardino county	11
San Diego county	12
Total	50

Schools less than one year old	22
Total Enrollment	4,174
Number of Teachers	337
Number from schools uniting with church	104
Amount of money raised by schools	$2533.31
Amount contributed to Cong. S. S. and Pub. Society	$70.37
Amount contributed to other benevolent causes	$116.31
Schools using our own S. S. Literature	36
Schools observing Children's Day	25
Schools having libraries	7
Schools having special temperance work	13
Schools holding teachers' meeting	17

II. Personal Report of Rev. H. P. Case, State Superintendent of Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society for Southern California:

Churches visited in work	30
Sunday Schools visited	57
Associations and Conventions attended	7
S. S. Institutes and Normal Classes held	6
Sermons and Addresses delivered	95
Communities visited in my work	75
Sunday Schools organized	19
Enrollment in same	707
Schools aided by donations of Literature	16
Value of such donations	$168.45
Congregational Churches in Southern California contributing to my work	6
Cougregational Sunday Schools, do	6
Total amount contributed to my Society on this Field	$151.07
Miles traveled in my work	5309
Expenses incurred in my work	$309.45

H. P. CASE,
P. O. Box 1863, Los Angeles, Cal.

LIST OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONNECTED WITH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

NAME OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.
Los Angeles, First	H. G. Billings.
Los Angeles, Park	Rev. E. R. Brainerd.
Los Angeles, Third	G. T. Hanly.
Los Angeles, East	G. W. Woodward.
Vernon	E. Brayton.
Pico Heights	W. P. Ross.
*Los Angeles, West End	W. E. Carey.
Edgemont	Rev. E. Cash.
Eagle Rock	P. W. Parker.
Long Beach	Rev. S. H. Wheeler.
Pasadena, First	George Green.
*Pasadena, Monk Hill	M. D. Painter.
*Pasadena, Olivewood	H. N. Farey.
Sierra Madre	C. E. Cook.
Monrovia	Rev. D. H. Colcord.
Pomona	Mrs. Shaw.

Westminster	G. C. Mack.
*Ocean View	Rev. D. Goodsell.
*Buena Park	Miss E. Cox.
Compton	Rev. H Jones.
*Inglewood	F. E. Palmer.
San Buenaventura	Rev. T. D. Murphy.
Santa Barbara	Charles P. Low.
Nordhoff Union	F. P. Barrows.
Ontario	G. H. Craig.
South Riverside	F. H. Robinson.
*Valley District	C. H. Brown.
Riverside, First	F. E. Kingman.
*Riverside, "Parsons' Chapel"	Mrs. D. C. Parsons.
Halleck	Mrs. D. L. Richmond.
*Victor	A. C. St. John.
San Bernardino, First	D. P. Judd.
*Mt. Vernon District	J. M. Morris.
Highlands	S. H. Barrett.
Lugonia	J. S. Edwards.
*Old San Bernardino	C. H. Lathrop.
Perris	Rev. C. H. Davis.
San Jacinto	Rev. J. B. Ives.
Oceanside Union	O. P. Smith.
Carlsbad	J. A. Frazier.
Escondido	J. N. Rice, M. D.
Poway Union	H. C. Hilleary, M. D.
San Diego, First	G. W. Marston.
San Diego, Second	Rev. A. B. White.
*San Diego, Middletown	S. W. Marston.
National City	A. G. Adams.
Sweetwater	N. Weed.
*Spring Valley	

*Mission Schools.

E.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

Pursuant to a call by Mrs. J. T. Ford, the ladies present at the Riverside meeting of the Southern California Association of Congregational Churches, met in the lecture-room of the Congregational Church at Riverside to organize a Home Missionary Union for Southern California.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ford. Mrs. E. Cash was chosen Temporary Chairman, and Mrs. H. K. W. Bent, Temporary Secretary.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Cash.

A statement of the object of the meeting was made by Mrs. Ford, followed by the reading of a constitution prepared for the society. There was a general discussion of the various articles, especially the first, some preferring that the scope of the organization be enlarged

so as to comprehend foreign as well as home missions. Upon motion of Mrs. Anna T. McIntosh, of Los Angeles, the constitution was adopted as read.

On motion of Mrs. Smith, of Riverside, a committee of three was appointed by the chair to nominate officers. They reported the following names:

For President—Mrs. Emma Cash, of Los Angeles.

For Secretary—Mrs. H. K. W. Bent, of Pasadena.

For Treasurer—Mrs. A. L. Bangs, of East Los Angeles.

These nominees were unanimously elected.

The chair instructed the delegates from each local society to send the name of the local President to the Union Secretary.

The first money in the treasury was donated by the Sabbath School of the First Congregational Church of Pasadena, through the delegate from the Missionary Society of that church. The amount was ten dollars. This was followed by a donation of five dollars from Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. Ford suggested the words: "Freely ye have received, freely give," as a motto for the Union, and it was accordingly adopted.

The meeting now adjourned, to meet with the Southern California Association at Pasadena, May, 1889, subject to a previous call by the executive committee.

MRS. H. K. W. BENT, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED BY THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Union of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

Its object shall be to promote missionary work in our own country by forming auxiliaries in the Congregational Churches of Southern California, and through them collecting money for the various departments of Home Missionary work.

ARTICLE III.

AUXILIARIES.

Any local society may become auxiliary by contributing five dollars or more annually through the Treasurer of the Union, and shall be entitled to send two delegates to the meetings of the Union.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

Its officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

The President of each auxiliary shall be, ex-officio, a Vice-President of the Union, and the several officers of the Union shall constitute its executive committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall have general oversight of the interests of the Union, and shall preside at its meetings.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall make and prepare the records of the Union, give due notice of its meetings, and furnish any information desired respecting the formation of auxiliaries and the work of the society.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys of the Union, forwarding them as directed by the auxiliaries to the Treasurer of the designated society, or as directed by the executive committee, whenever no designation is made by the auxiliary sending the money.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall aid in the formation of auxiliaries, shall be in communication with the auxiliaries organized, and arrange if possible for a meeting in connection with the annual meeting of each local association of churches. It shall also have power to fill any office that may become vacant in the interim of the annual meetings of the Union.

ARTICLE VI.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Union shall hold its annual meeting in connection with the annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting, or by the Secretary to each auxiliary in the notice for the meeting at which the change is made.

F.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Clarendon A. Stone was born in Brattleboro, Vt., January 21, 1837, and died in Crafton, California, May 8, 1888, being in the fifty-second year of his age at the time of his death.

He received his education at Knox College and Bangor Theological Seminary. On the 28th of August, 1861, he was married to Miss Lizzie R. Gilbert, of Galesburg, Ill., and entered the Union Army as First Lieutenant of the 33d Illinois Infantry upon the selfsame day.

In a few weeks after his enlistment he was taken prisoner at Big River Bridge, Mo., and, upon being exchanged, was returned home on parole. As soon as opportunity was given, he returned to the army and remained to the close of the war. A Captaincy was awarded him for faithful and heroic service.

The war over, Captain Stone turned his attention to the legal profession as a life-work.

He practiced law for seven years in Rockford, Ill., Cedar Falls, Ia., and in Laclede, Mo.

Though in love with his profession, duty called him to the work of preaching the gospel; and, like a true man as he was, he promptly yielded to the conviction and entered upon a course of preparation.

After graduating from the seminary, the brother, well equipped for the work, entered joyfully into the Lord's vineyard, and to the end — nearly fifteen years — he was a faithful, devoted and successful pastor.

He labored respectively with the churches at Southville, Mass., Hopkinton, N. H., Racine, Wis., Ravenna, O., and Lugonia, California.

As a man he was genial and generous, and amply endowed with powers and capacities suited to pulpit work.

As a thinker he was logical and convincing; as a preacher, methodical, earnest and impressive.

And the Lord gave him many souls as seals of a conscientious and faithful ministry.

Death came sudden and unexpected, but the Christian hero met the enemy with a calm faith in God, and passed triumphantly into the life everlasting.

G.

STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—JAN. 1, 1888.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION.

TOWN OR CITY	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS. P. C.—Pastors installed by Council. P.—Pastors not installed	ORDAINED	BEGAN PRESENT SERVICE.	MEMBERS. Male	Female	Total	Absent	ADMISSIONS. Confession	Letter	Total	REMOVALS. Death	Letter	Discipline	Total	BAPTISMS. Adults	Infants	Total	No. Families.	Number in Sunday School
*Compton	1888	Harvey Jones, P.	'55	Mar. 1, '88	11	15	26	2	2	24	26	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	40
Eagle Rock	1886	Elijah Cash, P.	'78	June 1, '86	7	14	21	...	8	13	21	...	...	...	...	4	.....	4	.....	40
Edgemont	1887	Elijah Cash, P.	'78	June 1, '86	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Long Beach	1888	R. M. Webster, P.	'67	May 1, '88	12	23	35	5	2	33	35	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	.....	56
Los Angeles, 1st	1867	R. G. Hutchins, D.D., P.	'66	Sept. 1, '88	171	253	424	75	36	143	179	3	62	...	65	13	2	15	.....	500
" Park	1884	Edward R. Brainerd, P.	'84	Oct. 1, '86	35	37	72	3	14	49	63	...	3	...	3	5	1	6	150	360
" Third	1885	George A. Rawson, P.	'60	May 1, '88	3	5	8	1	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	125
" East	1887	J. H. Phillips, P.	'75	Feb. 1, '87	20	38	58	...	12	47	59	1	...	...	1	12	.....	.....	.....	70
" Plymouth	1888	A. J. Wells, P.	'70	May 1, '88	.....	.....	61	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monrovia	1887	Daniel H. Colcord, P.C.	'81	Jan. 23, '87	8	12	20	...	2	18	20	...	...	...	...	1	.....	1	.....	45
Pasadena	1885	Dexter D. Hill, P.	'69	Dec. 1, '86	30	42	72	...	8	17	25	2	1	...	3	3	2	5	.....	141
Pico Heights	1887	Joseph C. C. Harris, P.	....	May 1, '88	10	15	25	...	10	15	25	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	125
Pomona	1887	Lucian H. Frary, P.	'69	Apr. 1, '88	15	26	41	...	2	39	41	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
San Buenaventura	1869	Thomas D. Murphy, P.	'68	Oct. 26, '84	18	51	69	12	5	7	12	...	...	...	...	3	.....	3	.....	140
San Miguel	1886	Edward B. Tuthill, P.	'61	'86	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Santa Barbara	1867	Charles T. Weitzel, P.	'76	Oct. 4, '85	48	107	155	28	3	13	16	4	10	...	14	3	.....	3	.....	86
Sierra Madre	1886	Ephriam E. P. Abbott, P.	'68	Apr. 1, '88	12	25	37	2	12	11	23	1	2	...	3	4	1	5	35	115
Vernon	1885	C. S. Uzzell, P.	'81	May 1, '88	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westminster	1878	Dennis Goodsell, P.	'77	July 11, '86	19	31	50	15	2	2	4	2	2	...	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	125

STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—[*Continued.*]

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

Carlsbad	1887	Henry M. Daniels	P.	'61	June 1, '85	3	10	13	...	4	9	13	...	...	...	...	3	.....		3	.....	40
Escondido	1887	M. A. Starr	P.	'77	Oct. 1, '87	5	4	9	1	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Halleck	1884	Edward B. Howell	P.	'88	Jan. 1, '87	9	7	16	5	...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highlands	1884	Jesse D. Foster	P.	'73	Apr. 1, '86	11	23	34	...	12	10	22	...	2	...	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Lugonia	1880	George Willett	P.	'78	Feb. 1, '88	39	44	83	...	...	....	.....	1	1	...	2	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
National City	1881	Edward D. Weage	P.	'84	Mar. 1, '86	27	43	70	2	13	14	27	...	4	...	4	8	2	10	.....	.....	.....
Oceanside	1886	Henry M. Daniels	P.	'61	May 1, '85	11	11	22	8	8	4	12	...	3	...	3	2	1	3	.....	.....	60
Ontario	1885	.....		'70	Apr. 1 '85	7	10	17	1	...	5	5	...	5	...	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perris	1887	Charles H. Davis	P.	'77	Oct. 1 '87	5	7	12	...	2	10	12	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Poway	1887	Henry C. Abernethy	P.	'45	Dec. 1 '87	5	7	12	...	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Riverside	1872	Theodore C. Hunt	P.C.	'80	Feb. 1, '85	58	90	148	18	13	30	43	3	10	...	13	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	130
San Bernardino	1867	E. Clarence Oakley	P.C.	'81	June 1, '86	32	67	99	11	11	9	20	3	5	...	8	9	1	10	.....	.....	100
San Diego, 1st	1886	J. B. Silcox	P.	'76	Jan. 1. '88	65	109	174	50	9	135	185	2	9	0	11	20	3	23	.....	.....	150
* " 2d	1888	Austin B. White	P.	'61	Nov. 1, '87	8	19	27	7	7	21	28	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	.....	.....	.....
San Jacinto	1886	Samuel W. Delzell	P.	'80	May 6, '86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Riverside	1887	William H. Wolcott	P.	'70	July 1, '88	7	4	11	1	2	9	11	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	48	45
Sweetwater	1887	Alanson Bixby	P.	'50	Oct. 1, '87	5	8	13	1	1	12	13	...	...	...	...	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	40

(*a*) Electric P. O. (*c*) Messina P. O.

*Added since January 1, 1888.

H.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—Sixteen Months, Ending January, 1888.

Los Angeles Association.

Town or City.	A.B.C.F.M.	A. C. U.	A. H. M. S.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Publishing Minutes.	Home Expenditures.
Compton						$ 1 50	
Eagle Rock			$ 21 00	$ 30 00	$ 51 00		$ 200 00
Edgemont							
Long Beach						2 10	3,123 15
Los Angeles, 1st	182 00	175 66	1,677 91	447 89	2,483 46	25 45	5,871 00
Los Angeles, Park			69 60	54 55	124 15	5 50	8,300 00
Los Angeles, 3rd		10 00	8 75		18 75	50	150 00
Los Angeles, East			25 40		25 40		6,500 00
Los Angeles, Plymouth							
Monrovia			13 00		13 00	1 20	455 00
Pasadena	34 35	7 00		54 35	95 70	4 32	1,714 00
Pico Heights							
Pomona							4,000 00
San Buenaventura	35 70		47 00		82 70		962 00
San Miguel						55	
Santa Barbara	152 25		239 60		391 85	9 30	3,060 00
Sierra Madre	11 55		106 90		118 45		933 00
Vernon							
Westminster	3 15	7 50	15 00	15 10	40 75		450 00

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—[*Continued.*]

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

Carlsbad							$3,300 00
Escondido			$ 8 70		$ 8 70	$ 50	1,625 00
Halleck			29 10		29 10		400 00
Highlands	$ 10 00	$ 9 25	21 00	$ 41 50	82 35		657 00
Lugonia	25 00	20 00	30 00	58 21	133 21	5 00	1,134 69
National City	62 10	31 00	66 90	30 30	190 30		2,605 00
Oceanside		2 00	14 65		16 65		2,650 00
Ontario						1 02	
Perris						75	1,518 00
Poway			7 70				200 00
Riverside	40 00	22 50	27 85	100 00	190 35		17,500 00
San Bernardino, 1st	47 00	49 00	50 00	81 00	227 00		1,500 00
San Diego, 1st	121 00	7 00	175 00		303 00	6 54	5,100 00
San Diego, 2nd			3 55		3 55	72	1,798 00
San Jacinto							
South Riverside				7 50	7 50		
Sweetwater			10 00		10 00	78	25 00

Column on Publishing Minutes added at date of issue.

I.

LATEST POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS.

N. B.—If your name is not correctly given in the following list; if the first name is not given in *full;* if your *post-office* is wrong, or if your name is not found here, but should be given, write to Rev. E. R. Brainerd, No. 1 Edgeware Road, Los Angeles, Cal , Statistical Secretary of General Association, on whose authority alone can names be inserted in the *Year Book.*

Abbott, E. E. P.....Sierra Madre, Los Angeles county
Abernethy, Henry C.....Poway, San Diego county
Bickford, Levi F.....Pasadena
Bixby, Alanson.....Sweetwater, San Diego county
Brainerd, Edward R.....No. 1 Edgeware Road, Los Angeles
Bristol, Sherlock.....Saticoy, Ventura county
Burnell, A. H.....Saticoy, Ventura county
Cash, Elijah.....Los Angeles
Colcord, Daniel H.....Monrovia, Los Angeles county
Daniels, Henry M.....De Luz, San Diego county
Davis, Charles H.....Perris, San Diego county
Delzell, Samuel W.....San Jacinto, San Diego county
Eddy, Samuel W.....Redlands, San Bernardino county
Field, Frederick A.....Station E, Los Angeles
Ford, James T.....122 Lecouvreur street, Los Angeles
Foster, Jesse D.....Messina, San Bernardino county
Frary, Lucien H.....Pomona, Los Angeles county
Goodsell, Dennis.....Westminster, Los Angeles county
Hale, John Gardiner.....Lugonia, San Bernardino county
Harris, Joseph C. C.....Los Angeles
Harwood, James H. (D. D.).....San Diego
Hathaway, George W.....Los Angeles
Hill, Dexter D.....Pasadena
Howell, Ed. B.....Halleck, San Bernardino county
Hunt, Theodore C.....Riverside, San Bernardino county
James, William A.....San Diego
Jenkins, David.....Villa Park, Los Angeles county
McCunn, Drummond.....Fairmont, Los Angeles county
Murphy, Thomas D.....San Buenaventura
Oakley, E. Clarence.....San Bernardino
Park, Austin L.....Lugonia, San Bernardino county
Perkins, Francis B.....Santa Barbara
Phillips, J. H.....Los Angeles
Platt, M. Fayette.....San Diego
Porter, William.....Los Angeles
Rawson, George A.....Los Angeles
Savory, George W.....Inglewood, Los Angeles county
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Place and Time—Santa Barbara ; Second Tuesday in May.

Preacher, Rev. Geo. Willett ; Alternate, Rev. E. R. Brainerd.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall inno circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local associations of congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston, June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment, at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of business:

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Vacancies:

Vacancies occuring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

4. Annual dues:

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the churches belonging to it at the rate of seven cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

5. Amendments:

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH,

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled —like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers, that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, Commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; that the division of communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

...to our peculiar faith and order, we exten
the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of t
mental truths in which all Christians should agree.
confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, th
Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to l
and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is prese
to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sir
of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through
plished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that
are justified before God, receive the remission of sins,
presence and grace of the Holy Comforter are del
power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Chu
istry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and
per, in the resurrection of the body, and in the fina
issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishi

We receive these truths on the testimony of God,
prophets and apostles, and in the life, the miracles,
resurrection, of his Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testi
for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and the N
which were composed by holy men as they were mov
Ghost.

Affirming, now, our belief that those who thus hold
Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one Catho
several households of which, though called by differe
the one body of Christ; and that these members of
sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in the bon
declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these
them we will carry the gospel into every part of this
them we will go into all the world, and "preach the
creature." May He to whom "all power is given i
earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hope: "Lo,
alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

MINUTES.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California held its Third Annual Meeting with the First Congregational Church of Pasadena, beginning May 14th, at 7:30 P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. T. Weitzel of Santa Barbara from 2 Kings 13:18,19.

The Registrar, Rev. J. T. Ford, called the Association to order for the business of organization.

The roll of ministers and delegates when completed were as follows.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

S. Bristol.	H. P. Case.
J. T. Ford.	E. C. Oakley.
Peter Warner.	L. F. Bickford.
F. A. Field.	E. E. P. Abbott.
J. G. Hale.	D. H. Colcord.
A. J. Wells.	D. D. Hill.
J. D. Foster.	Harvey Jones.
Chas. H. Davis.	J. H. Harwood.
Elijah Cash.	C. S. Vaile.
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C. B. Sumner.	Alfred E. Tracy.
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J. C. C. Harris.	H. C. Abernethy.
J. H. Phillips.	L. C. Alvord.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Santa Barbara	John Rice
	Mrs. S. E. Tolman
San Buenaventura	N. W. Blanchard
	C. E. Allen.
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	C. H. Sweetzer
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	Miss Elice
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Ontario	P. L. Thay
	Mrs. J. W
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	Geo. T. Ha
Vernon	R. H. Stor
	Mrs. M. E.
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	Sam'l. Hal
San Jacinto	Rev. W. N.
	H. C. Ashe
Sierra Madre	C. E. Cook
	J. C. Dixon
San Diego, First	F. K. Burnl
South Riverside	Mrs. W. H
Pomona	G. H. Hopk
	Mrs. Ella P
Escondido	Rev. L. C.
Poway	Mrs. Elizab
	Miss Helen
Los Angeles, East	Rev. W. F.
	Wm. Tinker
Compton	C. E. Birge
	Mrs. C. E. B
Monrovia	T. W. Strob
	Mrs. A. T. T
San Diego, Second	Mrs. Laura
Eagle Rock	P. W. Parke
	Mrs. P. W.
Long Beach	Rev. R. M.
Los Angeles, Olivet	N Best
	L. K. Clende
Saticoy	Rev. A. H.
Inglewood	Rev. Geo. W
Pico Heights	Mrs. R. Brr

DELEGATE FROM GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

Rev. C. D. Barrows, D. D.

INVITED TO SIT WITH ASSOCIATION AS HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. W. F. Day, Ottawa, Ill.
Rev. E. W. Shurtleff, Boston.
Rev. A. M. Merwin, Pasadena.
Geo. Kimball, Pasadena.
——— Harris, Pasadena.
Rev. F. H. Seward, Los Angeles.

Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Assistant Moderator; Rev. F. A. Field, Scribe; W. L. Koethen, Assistant Scribe.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on nominations, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. C. T. Weitzel, Dea. Geo. F. Hill.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 15th.

After devotional services, the Moderator appointed as Committee on Business and Resolutions, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. J. B. Silcox, T. W. Strobridge, Jr.

Reports being in order, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, delegate to Synod of the Pacific, reported fraternal reception by that body.

Rev. J. T. Ford, Treasurer, representing also the Committee on Publication, reported receipts and disbursements since organization to date, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Collection at Annual Meeting, May 4, 1887		$ 18.85
Dues paid by Churches:		
Los Angeles, 3d	$ .50	
Compton	1.50	
Los Angeles, 1st	25.45	
Monrovia	1.20	
Long Beach	2.10	
Los Angeles, Park	5 55	
Pasadena	4.32	
San Miguel	.55	
Santa Barbara	9 30	
Escondido	.50	
Lugonia	5.00	
Ontario	1.02	
Perris	.75	
San Diego, 1st	6.54	
San Diego, 2nd	.72	
Sweetwater	.78	
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This Committee also proposed a By-law and which after amendment, were adopted as follow

BY-LAW.

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association b belonging to it, at the rate of seven cents per member bership as numbered in the year-book of the same y be the duty of the churches to send the dues by their d Annual Meeting of the Association

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The By-law, concerning dues from the ch become operative until the next Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That to meet the expenses of the current ye of this Association be assessed at the rate of seven cen and that it be made the duty of each church to collect Sabbath following this meeting, and to forward the urer of this

Rev. T. C. Hunt read a paper on "The Best System in Benevolent Contributions," which was followed by spirited discussion till the noon intermission.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises, the Committee on Education reported through Rev. E. C. Oakley. [See Appendix, A.]

Rev. C. B. Sumner followed with a special report on Pomona College. [See Appendix, B.]

Rev. Dr. Hutchins added an earnest plea for the hearty support of our educational institutions.

The Nominating Committee made the following nominations, which were adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. J. B. Silcox, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Bro. A. S. McPherron.

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Delegates to General Association of California—Rev. J. T. Ford, Dea. Thomas Barrows.

Delegate to Synod of the Pacific—Rev. G. A. Rawson.

Preacher for Next Meeting—Rev. Geo. Willett, Alternate; Rev. E. R. Brainerd.

Special Committee on Ministerial Relief—Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Bro. H. A. Palmer, Dea. H. W. Mills, Dea. C. P. Low.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief, appointed at last Annual Meeting, reported recommending the formation of a Ministerial Relief Society, and presenting a form of Constitution for such Society.

[illegible] Rev. Dr. R. G. Hutchins, also by [illegible] teer speeches.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Home Missionary Meeting. After devotion report from the Home Missionary Committee Rev. D. D. Hill, Chairman. [See Appendix,

The first annual report of the Woman's Hom Union was read by Mrs. H. K. W. Rent, Se Appendix, D.]

Then followed report of Home Mission S J. T. Ford, (See Appendix E] and addresses l wood, Frary, Bristol, Brainerd and others. pledged the church in Saticoy for two dollars and on motion of Rev. R. G. Hutchins, the ro was called and many pastors and delegates p selves to do their utmost to secure contributio churches at the same rate.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 16.

Opening song and prayer.

Rev. L. H. Frary was chosen a delegate to Council.

Resolved, That we declare our uncompromising opposition to the license of the liquor traffic as unchristian in principle, and ineffectual as a remedy for intemperance.

Resolved, That the prohibition of the liquor traffic is of the first importance to the home, to society and to the church ; and it becomes the bounden duty of every Christian to ally himself with the friends of prohibition for the overthrow of the saloon.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the W. C. T. U. and bid them God speed in their grand redemptive work for humanity.

Resolved, That in these resolutions we do not necessarily endorse any party movement.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported through Rev. H. P. Case, Chairman. The resolutions proposed by the report were adopted. [See Appendix, F.]

An hour was then devoted to reports from the churches, which were full of good cheer.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Bros. Tracy and Weage presiding.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through Rev. Dr. Hutchins, Chairman, the following concerning the Pastorate and Ministerial Standing, which were adopted.

1st. *Resolved*, That standing in the congregational ministry is acquired by the fulfillment of these three conditions; namely (1) Membership in a congregational church ; (2) Ordination to the Christian ministry ; (3) Reception as an ordained minister into the fellowship of the congregational churches.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Ministerial Standing should be lodged in our local associations of ministers and churches, and that these associations should make modifications of constitution should any be requisite to the assumption of so grave a responsibility.

3rd. *Resolved*, (1) That while we do not regard installation as essential to the pastorate we would still encourage its use among the churches, in deference to time honored practice, and as promotive of the purity of the ministry, the fellowship of the churches, and a sense of permanency and tender sacredness in the pastoral relation; (2) That we would also give our hearty endorsement to councils of recognition, called from neighboring churches to examine the pastors-elect, and assist in inducting them into office ; such recognition possessing, as we believe, the essential advantages of installation.

Voted that the next annual meeting of the Association be held at Santa Barbara.

The following resolution concerning Reports from the Churches was adopted.

WHEREAS, The reports of individual churches belong properly to the associations, and WHEREAS our churches have become so numerous that they can with difficulty be heard from at length at every meeting of General Association, therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter a narrative of the state of religion in the churches be given at each annual meeting, by some member previously appointed by the Association.

Rev. D. H. Colcord was appointed to present narrative at next Annual Meeting.

Rev. C. D. Barrows, D. D., Delegate from the General Association of California, presented the salutations of that body.

The Minutes of the Association to this hour of its proceedings were read and approved, and the scribe was authorized to add the Minutes of the evening service.

THURSDAY EVENING.

By invitation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor, connected with our churches, were present this evening by their delegates and, after devotional services, delegates from each Association represented, came forward and made brief reports.

Then followed an address to the Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. C. D. Barrows, D. D., of San Francisco.

The following Resolution presented by Rev. D. H. Colcord, was unanimously adopted by rising vote.

Resolved, That the Young People of the Christian Endeavor Societies, and their friends assembled in the Pasadena Congregational Church, Thursday evening, May 16, offer their hearty thanks to Rev. Dr. Barrows for his stirring address, and assure him and pledge one another that they will speed the King's business in the King's highway.

The following presented by the Committee on Resolutions, was also unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association hereby express their gratification at the admirable arrangements made for their entertainment, and for the success of this meeting; their hearty thanks to the pastor, Rev. D. D. Hill, to the efficient Committee of Arrangements, to the choir, which

has added so much to the interest of the evening sessions, and to the Congregational people of Pasadena for their very cordial and ample provisions; their delight in Pasadena as a city beautiful for situation, and in this church as a model of beauty and convenience; also, their sincere assurance that this place will ever be remembered with gratitude by this Association for its cordial welcome given to the Congregational churches, and the young people of Southern California.

Rev. D. D. Hill replied, expressing thanks to the Association.

Adjourned with hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," etc.

F. A. FIELD, Scribe.

JAS. T. FORD, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

By Rev. E. C. Oakley, Chairman.

Your Committee has been able to hold only one meeting during the past year, on account of the long distances between the homes of its members. A result of that one meeting was the issuance of a circular in the interest of Pomona College, and an endeavor to further the work of securing and establishing academies, as natural feeders of this college. On account of the financial depression, it has been found impracticable to undertake some work which it seems very desirable to have done. We feel assured that there are several localities where the Christian Academy, under the direction of our Association, would prove an unquestioned benefit to the surrounding communities, and we are positive that marked results would be manifest in the attendance and interest in the college department of the institution at Pomona.

We are glad to report the founding of such a school at Santa Ana. This Academy was opened in September of last year, by Rev. J. H. Harwood; and although most of the students of that vicinity had made their arrangements and gone away from home to attend school, the new Academy, with Dr. Harwood at the head, assisted by his daughters, has had forty students in attendance, the majority of whom are in the advanced classes, being graduates of public schools; and some of these are fitting for College. One of the students plans to enter the Junior Class of Michigan University, next fall. Another is preparing for the Sophomore Class of the Southern California University. Dr. Harwood says his plan is to get the Academy into good working order, so as to assure its success and permanence, and then to offer it to the Association, as a preparatory institution to our college. We are also pleased to state that propositions have been made of a grant of land, as a site for buildings; and plans are being formed for the erection of suitable buildings; the increase of its corps of teachers, and the enlargement of its course of study.

We are not able to give an extended account of the Santa Paula Academy. The corner-stone of the building was laid recently with proper ceremonies, and Rev. T. D. Murphy has been invited to take charge of the institution. We feel confident of the success of this undertaking from the business-like way in which it has been begun.

[The Committee here insert in their report a letter from Rev. J. G. Hale, of Bellevue Academy in Redlands. The substance of which is that the institution is now in its fourth year, and has had 62 different pupils since it first opened,—that during the last year improved public school advantages, added to the stringency of the times, have reduced the attendance at the Academy, but that instruction is

regularly given in all branches as heretofore, and will continue to be until the end of the fourth year, Feb. '90, according to agreement made between the Principal and prominent citizens of that region; the future, after this date, being subject to arrangement, which may then be made.

The Committee emphasize the opinion expressed in the letter, that "Redlands is a good field for a first-class Christian Academy," and urge that the new arrangement be made with no other view, than to push the work of this Academy with renewed vigor.]

Of the three Academies we report, only one has a real relationship with this Association. However much in harmony with us in spirit and however responsive to our advice they may be, yet the Santa Paula school is the only one which stands in a recognized and legal relationship with this body.

We would recommend that when plans are being made for the establishment of such schools, the Committee on Education be advised with in reference to the organization and line of work of the school, and at the very earliest hour practicable, these schools be brought into some recognized and binding relationship with this Association.

B.

REPORT OF POMONA COLLEGE.

By Rev. C. B. Sumner.

Our College is no longer a vision, projecting itself into the future and appealing chiefly to the imagination; it is a thing of life that is doing its work, making its impress, demanding present thought and action. One year has brought changes and most notable progress. Despite financial depression, a check to many enterprises, the College has gone forward more rapidly, in many respects, than any dared to hope. Claremont Hall is a home more elegant, commodious, and every way suitable and convenient than most such institutions secure in a score of years. Thirty-two dormitory rooms, so arranged as to provide entirely separate halls for the different sexes, five large rooms for general purposes, with domestic apartments and all modern conveniences, and withal, in one of the most accessible, healthful and delightful locations in Southern California, and practically near enough to the College Campus for our future plans—surely this, to say nothing of the land connected therewith, is a most important and timely gift. May the donors be amply rewarded.

The first term at Claremont Hall brought new students, and others have been added from time to time till we have on the roll, including music scholars, a hundred and thirteen. Nearly all the lower classes were fully organized at the beginning, and a collegiate Freshman class. For lack of teaching force we were compelled to reject an applicant for the Sophomore class. All the classes stand on an equality with like classes in the best institutions. The students, about equally divided between the sexes, have been interested, faithful, loyal, doing their best in every situation. The teachers have proven remarkably efficient. No better work need be done or could well be done by any school.

The Rhetorical work is peculiar in its methods and has been a marked success. It has deeply interested the students and stimulated them to heroic efforts. The work is carried on chiefly in literary societies conducted by the students, but under the general direction of the faculty. The prepared parts come under the critical eye of the teacher before they are brought into the society. Thus with the most practical drill in writing and speaking the members are getting familiar with parliamentary usage, and an exercise frequently dreaded becomes a source of real enjoyment. The degree of stimulus inspired may be judged from the fact that one society of its own suggestion changed its constitution so that a rhetorical standing of 80 per cent. is necessary for membership.

A Library has been started by voluntary contributions from many sources. One person has given thirty-nine volumes of books, others periodicals and pamphlets, and others, still, have given single volumes. Every book, periodical, and pamphlet now at hand has been carefully scanned by the students, and many thoughts and suggestions from them have enriched the essays and debates.

By the loan of valuable Philosophical apparatus and an added expenditure on our own part for chemical outfit, we are well equipped in this direction.

A Christian Association early organized embraces most of the students either as active or associate members. Many have been transferred from associate to active membership. The meetings of this society are conducted by the students, but the teachers are generally present. The morning devotions each day are made impressive. Strong spiritual forces have been active, resulting in unmistakable growth of Christian character, as well as in conversions. Several students have publicly confessed Christ. God's seal has evidently been on the College from the beginning. May we not hope that this heavenly benediction may continue to rest upon it?

There are indications of a larger number of students the next year, beginning in September. We have secured in addition to Professors Norton and Brackett, who have so abundantly satisfied all during the past year, Mr. Palmer, a graduate of the University of California, who has spent a year as post graduate in the study of the sciences, and in place of Mrs. Storrs, who left us, greatly regretted, on account of sickness, and whose place was supplied temporarily by Miss Woodward, Miss Spaulding, a graduate of Carleton College, a lady of successful experience, who will have special charge of the ladies department; and in addition to Miss Caldwell, who has so faithfully and and efficiently conducted the Musical Department, Miss Fitch, a graduate of the English department of an eastern college, who will be resident teacher of vocal and instrumental music. Thus in every department, including the full studies of Sophomore year, we shall be able to do good work.

Our resources consist of land and buildings without income, and subscriptions for the building on the College Campus at Piedmont. We have no money. The tuitions, of course do not pay the teachers. The expenses the past year for carrying on the school and protecting the property have been large—teaching, rent the first term, insurance, taxes, alterations and repairs at Claremont Hall, furnishing recitation rooms, dormitories, etc., etc. To meet these expenses we have relied on land sales, the benevolence of individuals and churches, and the tuitions. No land has been sold, and the benevo*lence* thus far is very meagre. We are behind in our obligations,

and more than this, there are rooms still unfurnished which should be furnished before next September. Brethren, this is our College—does it bear any indications of your fostering care? How fundamental, far reaching, abundantly fruitful, benevolence put into the beginning of a Christian institution with such an outlook as seems to lie before Pomona College. Do we realize how much more valuable is the dollar bestowed, the scholar sent, while we are seeking to inspire confidence than after the institution has attained prosperity and aims only at expansion.

Our College comes up year by year to the great Festival of the churches, just as each church comes, because it has a right to be here. This is the family gathering. This General Association conceived the college idea and put it into execution. The College is our offspring. Pomona had no more to do with organizing, locating and naming the College than Pasadena, or San Diego. Pilgrim church was not organized when the College was located. In so quickly assuming self-support and building its chapel unaided, this church has been behind no church in the Association in its own proportional burdens. Should it be held responsible for the College more than the churches in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara? What church, what individuals are freed from other burdens that they may easily bear the burden of Pomona College? Must we not all share in these burdens, however great the home pressure, or the pressure from abroad! A little consideration can hardly fail to touch our hearts, and, as the Lord's stewards, make the College personal to us, its weal our weal, its credit our credit, its honor our honor. Not more sacred, as parts of the Lord's kingdom, are these beloved churches, nay even our own church, than is this child of the churches.

We want to-day, not less than when our churches took measures to secure them, one central *Christian* college and Christian schools leading up to the college. We appreciate the difference between the non-Christian school, where there is not only no influence for Christ, but a decided negative, chilling, repressive influence towards everything Christian combined often with outspoken attack on sacred things, and a positive Christian school, where the sanctities of religion are daily recognized, and the very atmosphere of recitation room and play-ground encourages spiritual aspirations. What must be the character of the household that can wholly counteract the intelligence of the non-Christian school, or take the place of the Christian school. During the past year more than one young man and young woman, from Christian families, made large advance in Christian character, or formally espoused the cause of Christ, who we have no reason to believe would have done so but for the spiritual forces in our college. It is a serious question for parents and pastors, whether we can wisely trust our children in other than positive Christian schools. If character is more than education, or rather the important part of education, is not the Christian school a matter of supreme concern? There are directions in which even undue economy is well nigh a crime.

Even were there Christian schools enough, such as they are, without our own, still we need our own, and in this rapidly growing region are likely to need them more and more. Educational institutions must grow up with the country. We can no more wait to plant and foster them, than we can wait to plant and foster our homes and our churches. Puritan history links them all together. Moreover, our denomination has an educational history of which we are justly proud. We are hardly willing to turn over the education of our children to

others. Our schools, we believe, produce broader, stronger, more harmonious characters than any other schools. Without a doubt, if we would continue to enjoy our churches we must continue to educate our children. If we are to do such work as our fathers have done, to make ourselves felt, as widely and deeply as they made themselve, felt, we must have educational helps equally suited to our needs. If this Pacific slope is to become a New England of an advanced type, we must have New England schools of an advanced type. The larger and grander our mission, the more imperative that we have suitable educational institutions in which to prepare our children for their work. We are too widely separated from the old, by time, by space, and by interest, to depend on them. We must create new ones for ourselves. Thus loyalty to our denomination, nay even loyalty to our faith and to our Lord, becomes loyalty to our educational work.

We also need, as much as when our churches first sought to provide them, a college and schools leading up to it, of a high intellectual order. Our public schools do good work. The wonder is that under so great disadvantages they do so well. Let no citizen disparage these essential concomitants of a republic. But the best teachers and the best supervision cannot accomplish impossibilities. Adequate facilities in most places among us cannot be provided, and are not likely to be for years to come. Imperfect grading and unsatisfactory work follow inevitably. Were perfect grades possible, the course must, in justice to all, be laid out with respect to the average ability, and the probable future of the majority of the pupils. Thus the whole plan may necessarily be unsuited to our children, especially if they are to take a full college course. Outside the public schools many private schools, some with high sounding titles, tolerate low standards, and do very superficial work. There is little doubt that often two or more of the best years for study are lost, or worse than lost, by schools poorly adjusted to the needs of a particular pupil.

Pressed by these and similar arguments our churches in their assembled wisdom established Pomona College. The arguments have lost none of their force. In the strength of these arguments, and with the more tender voice of an offspring she makes her appeal.

Our College asks our prayers. Whether or not you and I remember and pray for her, may determine whether the blessed evangelistic spirit of her first year shall abide with her. How many and great soever other interests, let us not forget this, so vital to our honor, the honor of our church, the honor of our Lord.

Our College asks our children. It is of moment to us, as parents and pastors what influences are brought to bear upon the characters of our children. But beside this we owe something to our own College. Must we not in honor send our sons and daughters there, if anywhere, and thus commend the College to others, or else be able to satisfy ourselves and others why we do not, and use our influence to make it such that we can not desire to send elsewhere. This plea, so far as it pertains to preparatory work, is of course equally on behalf of Santa Paula, or any other of our Academies leading up to the College.

Our College asks books for its Library—single volumes, many volumes, periodicals, pamphlets, files of papers: fresh papers and periodicals after they are read, for its Reading room. Are there not many volumes lying useless in our homes that might thus become helpful to inquiring minds?

Our College asks the furnishing of fifteen dormitory rooms before next September. Several Y. P. S. C. E. have heartily taken up this

work. The College would like best of all to have every such society's name over the door of some room, till the golden cord is complete that binds our young people together in the work of Christian education.

Our College asks money to help meet current expenses. Hundreds of dollars, tens of dollars, single dollars. The widow's mite may be more than the largest gift. Has not the time come for all to join hands in lifting the College burdens? The burdens already upon us may seem greater than we can bear. We know well what sacrifice means. Our College now demands sacrifice. Let us take the matter to our hearts and consciences. Let us pray over it. Our dear Lord whose is the work, and to whom be all the honor, will enable us to rightly respond.

C.

REPORT IN BEHALF OF HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Home Missions have held eight meetings during the year. One at Riverside, one at Pomona, one at Pasadena and one at Los Angeles.

No business has been done without a quorum being present. The sessions have usually occupied the whole day. With the map spread out before us, the field has been most carefully studied. Wherever there has been an opportunity wisely to establish a church, we have endeavored to found one. Not a dollar has been appropriated without prayerful and diligent study of the field; its needs and prospects. We have, also, considered how contributions can be increased; how churches could be brought to self-support, and revivals of pure religion promoted. We have endeavored to make the money placed at our disposal accomplish just as much for the advancement of Christ's cause as possible.

To describe in detail the work of the Committee would be to go over the same ground, which Bro. Ford will cover in his report. I will, therefore, only add my testimony to the great faithfulness of the members of the board the past year. Four of the seven have traveled long distances, at great expense of time and money, to be at the meetings. All have given their best thought and best energy to the work. It has been a laborious but blessed work, and the pleasure of the Lord has prospered in our hand. Respectfully Submitted,

DEXTER D. HILL, Chairman of Committee.

Pasadena, May 15, 1889.

D.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

MRS. MATTIE S. F. BENT.

Some years ago, when shipmasters were seeking a remedy for the dampness which attacked their cargoes of grain, Henry Ward Beecher, with his customary readiness of resource, came to their relief. He suggested that they ship a few bales of the Secretary's

report of religious societies. After so sweeping a satire, it would be presumption for me to hope to rouse your interest, and I must rely for my hearing solely upon your sense of duty. Mindful of the frailty of human resolve when fixed on an unsupported abstraction, I shall make but brief demand upon it.

I must premise that this is not a report upon Home Missions, but merely of the progress of our Woman's Home Missionary Union.

The women of our Congregational churches have long been doing efficient Foreign Mission service under the Woman's Board, while their work for Home Missions have been significantly termed "slack-twisted." Gradually, however, there was evolved a sympathy with the apostrophe of a certain worthy whose zeal for his country's good outran his zeal for rhetoric, "I set and looked up to the picture of George Washington—with Marthy opposite—and I says to myself, Its to be hoped and prayed you don't neither of you look down into this sinful world and see what's happenin' to the land your a father to." Against these "happenings," the women have at last arrayed themselves. I know not whether it be fully known to you that within the few latter years they have organized in twenty-five states, forming an ally which they are glad to know is not unwelcome to to the regular army. The reports of these older Unions seemed at first a little disheartening to us on the frontier. They told of scores of auxiliaries, of thousands of dollars, of large achievements and broad plans, and our small beginnings seemed trivial indeed. Yet when we remember these words of Mrs. Charles—"It is noble to do our best when it can only be second best"—we gather courage to do our little without shamefacedness, and hope for a day of greater things.

Our organization has two distinct objects. The first is to interest church women in the church missionary work of our own land; the second is to inspire them to help prosecute it. First, information, second, money.

When our Union came into existence a year ago at Riverside, it became our ambition to enlist in it all of the churches in the Association. Perhaps it is not an ill measure of success to count nineteen auxiliaries upon our roll at our first annual meeting. They represent not far from 400 members who have contributed $312.15 during the year. We also received a donation of $10.00 from the Sabbath School of the church in Pasadena, the first money in our treasury and another of $5.00 from our best friend Mrs. Ford. The church at Highlands, too, though having no woman's society, has sent us recognition in a gift of $6.85. The amounts sent by the various auxiliaries are as follows:

Riverside	$ 80.00
Los Angeles First Church	46.00
Young Ladies of Los Angeles, First	25.00
San Diego	31.65
Pasadena First Church	29.75
Vernon	16.00
Santa Barbara	10.00
Beside boxes valued at	175.00
San Jacinto	10.00
San Bernardino	10.00
Compton	8.75

The Park Church, Plymouth Church and Third Church of Los Angeles, Pomona, Redlands, Eagle Rock, Carlsbad and the North Church of Pasadena have each contributed but $5.00 Some of these

are strong churches which have merely enrolled themselves by this fee, and intend to give more largely hereafter. Others are very small and struggling churches which have found it a real effort to give this sum. These givers are among our most valued associates. There has passed through our treasury then,

Contributions from auxiliaries	$312.15
Donations from other sources	21.00
Total	334.00
Exclusive of Missionary boxes valued at	175.00

This has gone chiefly to the American Home Missionary Society, although we are tributary to all of the six societies for home work.

I desire to thank the pastors of the churches for the almost universal courtesy and attention which the officers of our Union have received at their hands. Every worker sees his own work magnified by familiarity with it so that it well nigh fills his horizen. It is better so, since if our plans and accomplishments should be thrown into a true perspective of importance, I fear we would none of us work more. Yet to present one's hobby to another who has a far more general and inclusive hobby, and to have it treated with respect and consideration, is a thing to be appreciated, and remembered with gratitude.

George Eliot says "The reward of doing one's duty is the ability to do another." This is a deep and a wide saying, and I am emboldened thereby to make of you a further request. When you are presenting Home Missions to your churches, is it too much to ask that you shall set forth the existence and claims of our Woman's Union? In your church and congregation are many women who do not know of our meetings, nor see missionary appeals or literature. The currents of missionary thought and labor and hope and sacrifice flow past them unobserved, and our only channel for reaching them is through you. Shall we depend upon you?

With many thanks for the effort with which you have held yourselves to your abstract sense of duty, and congratulations upon your measure of success, I leave with you the first annual report of the Woman's Home Missionary Union of Southern California.

E.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

By Rev. Jas. T. Ford, Superintendent.

In reviewing our home mission work of the past year, and taking note of its agencies, progress and results, we find much to move us to thank God and take courage. Thirty-four ministers, supported in part by aid from the American Home Missionary Society, have been employed in Southern California during the past year. These have ministered to fifty-four different congregations. Nine of these ministers—Bros. Staats, Perkins, Alvord, Jones, Snell, Vaile, Hardy and Burr—have entered upon this work among us since our last annual meeting. There has been no lack of laborers for our waiting fields. Every aided church has had regular supply, and, with two or three brief exceptions, uninterrupted pastoral service throughout the year. In this respect, our churches have doubtless been favored above the churches of our order in other parts of our land.

Eleven churches have been added to our number. These are: West End and Olivet in the city of Los Angeles; in Los Angeles county, outside the city, Compton, Inglewood, Buena Park, Santa Ana, Villa Park and Pasadena North; in Ventura County, Nordhoff and Saticoy; in San Diego county, Spring Valley; in San Bernardino county, West San Bernardino. All these are home mission churches. The full number of Congregational churches in Southern California is now forty-seven, of which thirty-four have received aid within the year. Four of these, however—Plymouth, East Los Angeles, Pico Heights and Westminster—have now assumed the burden and privilege of maintaining their ministry without aid from abroad. In addition to these churches, we have twenty-one other preaching places, making in all sixty-eight points occupied either as churches or out-stations.

Nine churches, houseless a year ago, now worship the Lord with thanksgiving in their own church homes. These are: Oceanside, Carlsbad, Escondido, San Jacinto, Monrovia, San Miguel, and Park, Plymouth and Olivet of Los Angeles. Ontario and South Riverside, worshipping when the year began in unfinished houses, now have them completed and attractive. The church-building at Perris, demolished by tornado, has been rebuilt; and it is worthy of record that when the story of this disaster went out, the practical fellowship of our churches was manifest in substantial offerings from many of them to aid our struggling sister church in repairing its loss. The church at Compton, also, has begun to build, and will soon worship under its own roof. The record thus far has been concerning churches that have been on the home mission list of the past year. The money expended by these in church building has been not far from $25,000. But the record is not complete except we add that three other churches, not on the home mission list—Los Angeles, First, Santa Barbara and Redlands—have begun to build edifices larger and more elaborate, and together more costly, than all those hitherto named. Here are not far from $50,000 expended for church buildings, to say nothing of the cost of the sites on which they are built; and this has been done in a year of hard times, financial reaction, straitened circumstances, consequent upon a "bursted boom." Does it mean that these have been hard times only by comparison with the flush season of two years ago; or does it mean that the hearts of the churches have been so open to God's call to go forward that his grace bestowed upon them has made their deep poverty to abound unto riches of liberality?

According to statistics gathered for the Year-Book, the aggregate of the membership of our churches, as reported for January 1, 1888, was 1,702. January 1, 1889, it had increased to 2,707—a net gain of 1,005—the rate of increase being about 60 per cent. This increase was mainly by letter, but 324 came in on confession of faith, an average of 9 to each of the churches existing at the beginning of the year 1888. We have no complete statistics for the first four months of the year 1889. If we had these at command, we should be able to report a much greater proportionate increase on confession of faith.

In our report for last year, we said the indications were such as to encourage the belief that the prevailing and persistent indifference to gospel influences, characterizing the past of this region, was broken, and the time to favor Zion, the set time, was come. This expectation has been realized. Almost without exception, our churches have felt the presence and converting power of the Divine Spirit. Southern California has entered upon a new era in its religious history. Until the beginning of the year 1888 a pervading revival of religion been had

here a thing well-nigh unknown. Christians had come to feel that, whatever might be expected elsewhere, California was so hopelessly materialized that a spiritual awakening, such as we remember having known at the East, was out of the question. But, henceforth seasons of Pentecostal power will be not only prayed for, but expected. We have begun to see that California is also the Lord's country. Men listen with interest to his gospel. Evangelists gather crowded houses. Churches count converts by tens and fifties and hundreds. Among our own churches, Vernon, Pico Heights, East Los Angeles, San Buenaventura, San Miguel, Buena Park, Pomona, Riverside, South Riverside and Redlands may be named, among others, as having felt the presence of the spirit in regenerating power. These results have come to pass not so much because evangelists have come among us in greater numbers than before, as because the hearing ear, that awakened conscience, the new interest of the people in spiritual verities, called for the presence of the evangelist, and prepared the way for the success of his work. In many places the Society of Christian Endeavor has been the agency which the Lord has especially honored in the conversion of souls and their upbuilding in the faith.

We regarded the "bursted boom" as a calamity; but in it were heard the footsteps of the coming of the Lord. We have realized the assurance of Cowper's grand old hymn—

> "The clouds ye so much dread
> Are big with mercy, and shall break
> In blessings on your head.

We are immeasurably richer than we were two years ago. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!"

Let us turn again to facts and figures connected with the details of our work. We received through the Home Missionary Society for the work of the year ending April 1st, $12,700, of which amount $2,784.59 were contributed in Southern Califoruia, so that we have received from the offerings of our brethren in other parts of our land nearly $10,000. Truly, the fellowship of the churches, bearing one another's burdens, means something to us.

During the year an effort was made to secure from our churches contributions at the rate of $1.25 per member, as numbered in the Year-book for 1888. Seventeen churches reached this standard. Six of these contributed at the rate of two dollars, or more, per member. The smaller and aided churches reached these standards in larger proportion than the self-supporting churches.

When the time came to send to New York our estimates for the work of the year beginning April 1st, 1889, after a careful consideration of the claims of each particular field, remembering, also, the debt resting upon the society, we said, "$16,200 is the least we can ask from the Society consistently with the imperative demands of the work. Of this amount, we estimated that we could raise $3,200 in Southern California, leaving $13,000 to come from abroad. We waited anxiously for the answer, containing a statement of the apportionment made to us. Meanwhile, reports came in to us of the contributions made by our Southern California churches during the months of February and March. They so far exceeded our expectations that we said, "If the churches throughout the country do as well—and why should they not?—the Society will close its year without debt." We began to lay plans to enlarge our work for the current year. We wished we had asked for a larger apportionment. But our answer came, and we read, "The apportionment for Southern

California for the year beginning April 1st, 1889, will be $6,900, plus $3,200, or whatever sum in addition you are able to raise on the field." Ten thousand dollars in all—$6,000 less than we had asked and thought we must have; $2.000 less than our estimate for work already begun! This apportionment was accompanied by the statement that the Society closed its year with a debt of $70,000 to the banks, and that nothing but dire necessity compelled the making of so small an apportionment.

What shall we do? Remember, we have in sight $2,000 less than the estimated requirements of work already entered upon; and the churches ask more than we estimated for them. Shall we reduce the grants to the churches, so as to bring the aggregate within the apportionment? Practically, this would mean, in most cases, the reduction of the salary of the missionary by so much as the grant to the church is lessened. But more than one-third of our missionaries have salaries ranging only from $400 to $600 a year. Can we afford, by reduction, to put these missionaries on famine rations, or to compel them to eke out a living by turning to secular work? Besides, would a forced levy upon these missionaries open their hearts to loving sacrifice for the Master's work? If a forced levy must be made, would this be a just division of the tax?

If we may not reduce the grants made to our missionaries, what then? Shall we behead several of our churches and leave only so many as can be suitably supported from our apportionment? But we have rejoiced in the fact that all our churches organized in Southern California during the last five years are still in existence; that some that were the feeblest for a time have of late justified their organization by a rapid growth. We have redeemed our reputation from a charge that has been brought against us here, that we begin work only to abandon it to other denominations. Can we allow that reputation to come back upon us to hinder our future work?

If we may not find relief either by reducing grants or beheading churches, what then? Shall we withhold our contributions from our other benevolent societies—from our foreign work, from our Sunday school mission work, from our church building work, from our college work, from our work among the Chinese at home—and concentrate all our gifts upon the Home Missionary field until this crisis is past? But God has brought the Chinese all the way from China to our very doors, that we may evangelize them. Upon our Christian College depends in no small measure the future enlargement of our churches and the preparation of its coming ministry. We must not smother it at its birth. To our Church Building Society we are bound to contribute by our own solemn pledges, by our gratitude for the past and our hopes for the future. We cannot repudiate the bond. The Sunday School Mission has become the forerunner of the Church. And if no provision is made for new work through the preaching missionary our hope of church extension for the coming year must depend upon the Sunday School Mission. It were well to make much of John the Baptist, especially while we are waiting for the Christ. Nor can we neglect the foreigh mission work if we would have our own hearts enlarged by entering into fullest sympathy with Him who died and rose again that the gospel might be preached among *all nations, beginning*—only—at Jerusalem

Especially is it true that if we have been *accustomed* to make contributions to these various agencies, we should not now withhold them. The outlay of these Societies for the present year must be based upon the customary contributions of the past. We are thus,

in a sense, under obligations to continue these accustomed gifts if not to increase them.

But I think we shall not be charged with narrowness of view if we maintain that the *increase* of our gifts by the special efforts of the year should go largely into the channels of the Home Missionary work. If we may not fitly make a forced reduction of our grants; if we cannot wisely and honorably abandon churches we have called into being; if we may not honestly levy on the customary income of other benevolent societies to meet this crisis in our home mission work, then the true, the Christian, the generous, the only just and equal method is, with united effort and loving sacrifice, to make up our lack by free abounding contributions from all our churches.

In our estimates, sent to New York, we made $3,200 the measure of the gifts of the churches for the coming year. But when word came back, only about $7,000 can be furnished you for work that should cost $12,000, we seemed to hear the Lord who sits over against the treasury saying to us, You have underestimated the love and ability of my people. Revise your estimate. Make it $5,000. And so it stands before us to-day—$5,000 to be raised in Southern California for home missions this year. This is our *new work* for this year. If we may not enlarge our borders by the multiplication of churches, we may enlarge our hearts by liberal giving; we may increase our wealth of self-sacrificing love. Five thousand dollars this year for home missions! The rate is a little less than $2.00 per member. Let us make it $2 00 so that the more liberal giving of some may make up for the failure of others. This is 50 cents per quarter, about 16 cents per month, a little less than 4 cents per week, a little more than half a cent a day. I need not ask the question, can we do it? Our churches have made provision during the past year for an outlay of $50,000 to build houses of worship. Under the leading of God's providence the time had come to build. A necessity was laid upon them. They have done it freely and they rejoice in the doing of it. But the *house of worship* is nothing except as a means to the building of the *great spiritual temple*. *Now* a necessity is laid upon us in the more direct work of building the spiritual temple. Cannot those who have provided $50,000 for that necessity provide $5,000 for this? Two dollars per member for home missions! This sounds surprisingly like that word that came to us like an inspiration a few years ago, and has resounded about us like an inspiration ever since —"one million a year for home missions!" This, making allowance for probable legacies, is $2.00 per member for our membership throughout the United States. And now the same message comes to us of Southern California in the immediate necessities of our own special work. Is it not a reiteration, with enforcement upon us, of the same divine call?

We may not delay now to inquire how this money shall be raised. The will opens the way. The interested will devises means, systematizes methods, multiplies the number of contributions, if need be, and rests not till the result is secured. It is worthy of note, however, that the churches making the best record for the past year are those that have made frequent contribution. The quarterly collection in home missionary churches, so that the missionary may report an offering with every quarterly report, is a successful method. Better still is the communion thank offering, to be made an offering worthy of the occasion, and devoted, first, to the relief of the poor of the church; second, to the aid of the poorer churches within the range of our fellowship. Better still, it may be, is the setting

the city and the mining camps of the desert. scattered hamlets of the mountains, and the result and by in ministers and deacons furnished for you churches. Let us meet the claims of the work alrea pray for the waiting work and God will provide a way

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F.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By Rev. H. P. Case, Chairman of Sunday Schoo

Your committee report with pleasure that our Sun is prosperous. We append a Statistical Report.

We note a few items of special interest.

1. There is an evident increase in numbers during This indicates not only work by a State Missionai the members of the schools. Over 500 have been add bership of the church schools, while 1000 have bee new schools. Several schools have doubled their ave during the year.

2. The teaching forces have increased; 1500 new s tates 150 new workers. Some excellent material for workers has been discovered and utilized. But still 1 lack.

3. The observance of "Children's Day" has greatly In most church schools the day was appropriately a used for bringing the children into close bonds wi Sermons were preached to youths and Sunday Schoo cises quite generally occupied the evening service.

4. The statistics collected show a large gathering the Sunday Schools into the church, mostly on prof This is as it should be. It is the natural fruit of true work.

While making glad mention of the above facts, y must also express some regrets

ary on our field for the past year, whose report is subjoined. Several of these schools have developed into churches, others are for churches already organized, still others are in Home Missionary outstations. One year ago it was recommended by this body to make a contribution on "children's Day" to the Missionary Work of this Soceity Only one-tenth of our churches and one-fourth of our schools heeded the recommendations. The total contributions made on this field to to this Society during the past year are less than one-half the amount of the Missionary's traveling expenses and the grants made to our needy schools.

In conclusion your committee recommend the adoption of the following "Resolutions," with the subjoined Statistical Reports.

1. *Resolved*, That each Sunday School use our own Lesson Helps and publications. They are excelled by none. [As to discounts, if *really needed*, consult the State Superintendent.]

2. That Teachers' Meetings and Sunday School Prayer Meetings be regularly held.

3. That all workers keep in mind the supreme object of our work: the conversion and Christian culture of our scholars.

4. That occasional Sunday School Institutes be held with individual or grouped churches for the purpose of perfecting school methods, training teachers and arousing interest.

5. That each church with its school observe Children's Day—second Sunday in June—and take a collection for the missionary work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

I. General Statistics, year closing April 30, 1889.

Total schools, (47 ch , 27 mission)	74
Total Enrollment	5516
Total teachers and officers	625
Scholars uniting with the church	340
Total money raised by schools	$3500.00
Contributions to Congregational S. S. and Pub. Soc. four churches and seventeen schools	$ 105.54
Contributed to other causes	$ 375.00
Schools using Congregational Literature	60
Schools that observe Children's Day	40
Libraries	16
Temperance Work	17
Holding Teacher's Meetings	19

II. Report for year closing April 30, 1889, of Rev. H. P. Case, Superintendent of the Sunday School Publishing Society.

Churches visited	36
Schools visited	60
Associations and Councils attended	6
Sunday School Normal Classes held	5
Sermons and Addresses	114
Places visited in work	83
Schools organized	31
Enrollment of same	1007
Schools aided with donations of Literature	40
Value of said donations	$301.16
Total contributions received on this field	$191.44
Miles travelled in work	5959
Expenses incurred in year's *work*	$283.00

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STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1888.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED			REMOVALS.				BAPT.		FAM.
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Buena Park	1888	James A. Whitaker	L. F. Bickford, *p*	'72	'88	7	9	16	...	10	6	16	...	...	...	...	5	...	12
Carlsbad	1887	Fred B. Barnes	Jesse D. Foster, *p*	'73	'89	4	11	15	3	2	...	2	...	....	...	...	...	...	10
Compton	1888	Thomas Chambers	Harvey Jones, *p*	'55	'88	9	15	24	...	3	25	28	...	4	...	4	2	2	20
Eagle Rock	1886	Milton Brown (Verdugo)	Elijah Cash, *p.*, Los Angeles	'78	'86	8	14	22	...	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	20
Edgemont	1886	Miss Loise Cash	Elijah Cash, *p*	'78	'86	6	7	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	20
Escondido	1886	Mrs. Frances W. Sturges	Lawrence C. Alvord, *p*	'88	'88	6	10	16	...	1	11	12	...	2	...	2	...	1	35
Halleck	1884	Geo. H. Richmond	Edward B. Howell, *p*	'88	'87	9	8	17	8	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	17
Highlands, P.O. Messina	1884	Guy E. Aplin	...	'73	'86	12	21	33	...	2	2	4	...	5	...	5	1	2	41
Inglewood	1888	Wm. C. B. Randolph	Geo. B. Savory, *p*	'85	'88	7	8	15	3	...	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Long Beach	1888	Mr. Castle	Robert M. Webster, *p*	'67	'88	10	19	29	5	4	30	34	...	5	....	5	...	1	18
Los Angeles, 1st	1367	Wm. R. Blackman	Robert G. Hutchins, D. D., *p*	'66	'88	14.	233	374	74	6	44	50	7	101	...	108	1	1	160
Los Angeles, Park	1884	John M. Davies	Edward R. Brainerd, *p.*	'84	'86	53	49	102	4	8	52	60	...	30	...	30	1	5	200
Los Angeles, Third	1885	B. F. Dalbey	Geo. A. Rawson, *p*	'60	'88	9	16	25	4	8	15	23	...	3	...	3	3	1	50
Los Angeles, East	1887	Wm H Kennedy	Jephtha H. Phillips, *p*	'75	'87	46	68	114	9	25	24	49	1	2	...	3	8	9	200
Los Angeles, Plymouth	1888	Charles W. Benedict	Andrew J. Wells, *p*	'70	'88	26	48	74	6	7	67	74	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Los Angeles, Olivet	1889	A. v. Gray	Frederic A. Field, *p*	'80	'88	7	15	22	...	7	15	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles, West end	1889	Miss J. Ensign	Elijah Cash, *p*	'77	'89	8	17	25	...	14	11	25	...	...	...	...	2	7	100
Monrovia	1887	Hiram Clark	Daniel H. Colcord, *p. c.*	'81	'87	15	25	40	5	...	21	21	1	...	...	1	...	5	50
Mt. Vernon	1889	John M. Morris, Jr.	Wm. P. Hardy, (*Lic.*)	...	'88	7	6	13	...	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
National City	1881	Albert G. Adams	Edward D. Weage, *p*	'84	'86	32	51	83	4	3	20	23	2	7	1	10	2	3	60
Nordhoff	1888	Gustavus S. Smith.	Charles S. Vaile, *p*	'82	'88	11	17	28	...	4	24	28	...	...	...	...	...	1	45
Oceanside	1885	Charles S. Startzman	Jesse D. Foster, *p*	'73	'89	11	12	24	4	3	2	5	...	3	...	3	2	1	15
Ontario	1885	Wm. J. Waddingham	Alfred E. Tracy, *p*	'72	'88	9	11	20	5	1	4	5	...	2	...	2	...	...	35
Pasadena	1885	Dea. Geo. A. Green	Dexter D. Hill, *p*	'69	'86	69	92	161	...	16	77	93	1	3	...	4	7	8	...
Pasadena, North	1887	Rev. Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, *p*	'60	'88	5	12	17	...	3	14	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perris	1887	Horatio W. Doyle	Charles H. Davis, *p.*	'77	'87	8	13	21	...	5	6	11	1	1	...	2	2	...	50
Pico Heights, Electric PO.	1887	H. W. Folsom	Mrs. R. Brryman Ridges, *Evang*	'88	'88	29	35	64	...	25	23	48	1	3	5	9	...	...	...
Pomona	1887	Walter A. Lewis	Lucien H. Frary, *p*	'69	'88	48	76	124	7	19	69	88	2	...	...	2	18	...	138
Poway	1887	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, *p.*	'45	'88	6	10	16	...	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	14

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					BENEVOLENCE.									
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Ad. toCh.	Benv. Cont.	Foreign.	Ed'n.	Ch. Bld'g	Home M.	A. M. A.	S. S.	New West.	Other.	Total.	Home Exp.
Buena Park	Henry C. Archibald	50	40	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	$3 40	$13.40	$41.00
Carlsbad	J. A Frazier.	35	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	1200.00
Compton	A. S. Yale	50	40	...	$ 8.00	$ 2.50	.....	.....	20.00	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	27.50	220.00
Eagle Rock	P. W. Parker (E. Los Angeles)	50	35	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	2 00	.....	10.00	32 00	200 00
Edgemont	T. Warren (Prospect Park)	44	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	50 00
Escondido	Dr. W. J. Rice.	85	25	.....	3.00	.....	.....	$ 3.25	10.90	.....	.....	.....	7 00	21.15	480 00
Hallieck.	Mrs. D. L. Richmond.	45	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 14	305 14
Highlands, P. O. Messina	S. H. Barrett	120	.....	1	4 00	5.40	.....	31 80	40.74	$6.54	5.72	$6.80	36 25	133 25	978 00
Inglewood	James McQuarrie	50	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Long Beach	Annie R. Webster.	4'	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	1325.00	1340.00	1898.00
Los Angeles, 1st	Don. C. Judd	267	235	3	.....	157.70	.....	205.00	386.50	.....	.....	.....	1662 08	2411 28	12197.65
Los Angeles, Park	James B. NcLeod	300	165	16	14.10	.....	.....	.....	41 00	.....	4.00	.....	113 00	158.00	3070.00
Los Angeles, Third	Geo. T Hanly	150	110	8	5.00	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	18.50	53 50	868 58
Los Angeles, East	D. Gilbert Dexter	140	110	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	105.00	.....	.....	.....	65 00	170.00	3900 00
Los Angeles, Plymouth	Louis K. Webb	85	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4135.00
Los Angeles, Olivet	L. Scofield	100	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Los Angeles, West End	Wm. Carey	78	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monrovia	Rev. D. H. Colcord	75	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	1870.18
Mt. Vernon	John M. Morris	100	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
National City	A. G. Adams	100	60	1	7.80	60.00	.....	11.00	.....	36 50	7 80	...	10.00	125 30	1550.00
Nordhoff	Frank P. Barrows	65	50	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....
Oceanside	Oliver P. Smith	75	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 10	.....	.....	.....	15 00	25.10	425 00
Ontario	Helen Thayer	65	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....
Pasadena	A. K. Nash	200	115	5	57.86	12.00	.....	.....	.....	22.45	9 00	.....	106.86	150.31	3565.78
Pasadena, North.	M. D. Painter	60	45	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perris	Rev. C. H, Davis	55	33	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	9 28	.....	.....	34 28	278.85
Pico Heights, P. O. Electric	W. P. Ross, P. O. Electric	106	82	11	.....	.....	.....	6.70	6 15	.....	.....	.....	2 25	14.57	.....
Pomona	Edward P. Shaw	175	92	15	24 70	60 05	1020 00	115 00	25.00	14 70	.....	.....	50.00	1284 75	2409 90
Powe	Dr. S. H. Hilleary	....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	7.00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	17.00	170.10

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ERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED			D
ame.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	
ayes	George Willett, *p*	'78	'88	44	57	101	10	7	2	9	
oethen	Theodor C. Hunt, *p. c*	'80	'85	64	120	184	20	21	28	49	
Reeves	E. Clarence Oakley, *p. c*	'81	'86	36	77	113	20	11	8	19	
fer	Ernest W. Shurtleff (*Lic.*)		'89	28	77	105	15	24	36	60	
ephens	John B. Silcox, *p*	'76	'88	86	124	210	50	18	58	76	
illiams	Francis B. Perkins, *p*	'60	'88	12	23	35	4	4	31	35	
lead	William N. Burr, *p*	'88	'89	12	16	28	2	1	7	8	
l B. Tuthill	Edward B. Tuthill, *p*	'60	'86	10	10	20	2	7	3	10	
hank	Jas. H. Harwood, D. D., *p*	'63	'89	16	34	50		6	11	50	
T. Weitzel	Charles T. Weitzel, *p*	'76	'86	55	120	175	29	10	17	27	
ntley	Wm. W. Snell, *p*	'59	'88	10	15	25	4	8	7	15	
son	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, *p*	'60	'88	20	35	55	7	5	20	25	
obinger				5	7	12		3	9	12	
obinson	William H. Wolcott, *p*	'70	'88	9	12	21	3				
avis (El Cajon)	Alanson Bixby										

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE.—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					BENEVOLENCE.									
Place.	Superintendent.	Mem.	Av.	Ad. toCh.	Benv. Cont	For-eign.	Ed'n	Ch. Bld'g.	Home M.	A. M. M.	S. S.	New West.	Other.	Total.	Home Exp.
Redlands	James S. Edwards	95	52	3	.....	$57 85	.....	.....	$62 60	.....	$12.00	.....	$45.00	$177.45	1579.03
Riverside	Thomas Hendry	200	170	9	.....	53.00	.....	$23 00	100.00	.....	15.00	$10.00	100.00	301.00	3000.00
San Bernardino	Rev. E. C. Oakley	150	85	8	$10.00	81.00	.....	83.00	65.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....	244.00	2700.00
San Buenaventura	Rev. T. D. Murphy	188	102	18	6 00	24 50	.....	.....	37.10	14.60	.....	.....	24.60	100.80	1765.64
San Diego, 1st	Geo. W. Marston	210	160	.....	50 00	120.00	.....	.....	140 00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	410.00	5500.00
San Diego, 2nd	Charles H. Roberts	125	60	1	3.50	5.00	.....	.....	3 55	3 65	.....	.....	.....	12.20	251.34
San Jacinto	.....	80	45	.. .	2.50	10.00	.....	.....	12.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 50	2350 70
San Miguel	A. F. Gorham	134	92	5	7 80	.....	.....	.....	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	233.00
Santa Ana	Lyman Chapin	60	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Santa Barbara	Charles P. Low	138	90	3	25.00	.....	.....	.....	135 00	.....	.....	.....	30.15	165.15	2376.00
Saticoy	Ernest E. Huntley	50	39	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	263.50
Sierra Madre	C. E. Cook	95	65	3	2.25	6.25	.....	.....	36.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.42	786.44
Spring Valley	Benj. Stiles	30	25	1	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5.00	....	.....	10.00	75.00
South Riverside	F. H. Robinson	50	....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	1015.00
Sweetwater	N. B. Weed, El Cajon	33	23	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	150.00
Vernon	Elijah Brayton	130	85	14	10.00	.....	.....	70.00	.....	.....	7.40	.....	.....	77.40	1081.69
Villa Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westminster	Geo. C. Mack	72	55	.....	15.00	6.27	.....	2.50	19.40	.....	.....	.....	8.00	36.17	400.00

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LATEST POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS.

N. B.—If your name is not correctly given in the following list; if the first name is not given in *full*; if your *post-office* is wrong, or if your name is not found here, but should be given, write to Rev. E. R. Brainerd, No. 13 Edgeware Road, Los Angeles, Cal., Statistical Secretary of General Association.

NAMES	RESIDENCE	ORD.
Abbott, Ephraim E. P	Sierra Madre	'60
Abernethy, Henry C	Poway	'45
Alvord, Lawrence C	Escondido	'88
Bartlett, Enoch W	San Buenaventura	'41
Bickford, Levi F	Westminster	'72
Bixby, Alanson	Sweetwater	'50
Bowers, Stephen	S n Buenaventura	'88
Brainerd, Edward R	13 Edgeware Road, L. A.	'84
Bristol, Sherlock	Saticoy	'43
Burnell, Alfred H	San Buenaventura	'81
Burr, W. N	San Jacinto	
Case, Harlan P	Box 1863, Los Angeles	'71
Cash, Elijah	927 Temple St., Los Angeles.	'78
Colcord, Daniel H	Monrovia	'81
Daniels, Henry M	De Luz	'61
Davis, Chas. H	Perris	'77
Field, Frederick A	Station C, Los Angeles	'80
Ford, James T	Station A, Los Angeles	'57
Foster, Jesse D	Oceanside	'73
Frary, Lucien H	Pomona	'69
Goodell, Isaac	National City	
Hale, John G	Redlands	'52
Harris, Joseph C. C	Los Angeles	'83
Harwood, James H. (D.D.)	Santa Ana	'63
Hathaway, Geo. W	Los Angeles	'33
Hill, Dexter D	Pasadena	'69
Hough, Jesse W. (D.D)	Santa Barbara	'58
Howell, Edward B	Halleck	'88
Hunt, Theodore C	Riverside	'80
Hutchins, Robert G. (D.D.)	Los Angeles	'88
James, William A	Los Angeles	'67
Jenkins, David	Villa Park	'76
Jones, Harvey	Compton	'55
Kimball, Geo. P	Pasadena	
Kingsbury, Chas. A	Redlands	
McCunn, Drummond	San Jacinto	'80
Murphy, Thomas D	Santa Paula	'68
Norton, Edwin C	Pomona	'84
Oakley, E. Clarence	San Bernardino	'81
Park, Austin L	Redlands	'64
Perkins, Francis B	118 Olive Ave. San Diego	'60
Phillips, Jeptha H	Station A, Los Angeles	'75
Platt, M. Fayette	San Diego	'63
Porter, William	Los Angeles	'46
Rawson, Geo. A	Vernondale	'60

Savory, Geo. W	Centinela	'85
Schwarzauer, Chas. M	Linda Vista	'78
Sheldon, Chas. B	Pomona	'57
Silcox, John B	San Diego	'76
Snell, Wm. W	Saticoy	'69
Spoor, Orange H	Redlands	'61
Staats, Henry T	Pasaden	'60
Sturges, Chas. L	Escondido	
Sumner, Chas. B	Pomona	'72
Tracy, Alfred E	Ontario	
Tuthill, Edward B	San Miguel	'60
Uzzell, Chas. S	Los Angeles	'80
Vaile, Chas. S	Nordhoff	'82
Warner, Peter	Los Angeles	'72
Weage, Edward D	National City	'84
Webster, Robert M	Long Beach	'67
Weitzel, Chas. T	Santa Barbara	'76
Wells, Andrew J	Los Angeles	'70
Willett, George	Redlands	'78
Wolcott, Wm. H	South Riverside	'78

LICENTIATES.

Field, Alden P	Monrovia
Rogers, J. A	Box 473, San Diego
Shurtleff, Ernest W	Los Angeles
Hardy, Wm. P	San Bernardino

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NEXT MEETING.

Place and Time—San Diego; Second Tuesday in May.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator Assistant Moderator and a Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston, June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment, at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of business.

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

4. Annual dues.

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the churches belonging to it at the rate of seven cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

5. Amendments:

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH,

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled —like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers, that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, Commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; that the division of communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

Christian fellowship, upon the basi
mental truths in which all Christians should a
confess our faith in God, the Father, the Sc
Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalte
and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is
to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the comm
of our race, and acknowledge that it is only thr
plished by the life and expiatory death of Christ
are justified before God, receive the remission o
presence and grace of the Holy Comforter an
power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible
istry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism
per, in the resurrection of the body, and in the
issues of which are eternal life and everlasting p

We receive these truths on the testimony of
prophets and apostles, and in the life, the mi
resurrection of his Son, our Divine Redeemer—a
for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and
which were composed by holy men as they wer
Ghost.

Affirming, now, our belief that those who thus
Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one
several households of which, though called by
the one body of Christ; and that these memb
sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in the
declare that we will co-operate with all who hold
them we will carry the gospel into every part o
them we will go into all the world, and "preach
creature." May He to whom "all power is gi
earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hope:
alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

MINUTES.

The fourth annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Southern California was held with the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara, May 13, 1890, beginning at 7:30 P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. Willett, of Redlands: Text, Eph. 3: 14-20.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH, 9 A. M.

The Registrar, Rev. J. T. Ford, called the Association to order, and read the names of ministers and delegates present as members of the Association. The roll, when completed, was as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

S. Bristol.
J. T. Ford.
Peter Warner.
F. A. Field.
J. G. Hale.
A. J. Wells.
J. D. Foster.
T. C. Hunt.
E. D. Weage.
L. H. Frary.
C. T. Weitzel.
C. B. Sumner.
H. P. Case.
L. F. Bickford.
E. E. P. Abbott.
D. H. Colcord.
D. D. Hill.
C. S. Vaile.
W. A. James.
A. E. Tracy.
F. B. Perkins.
W. N. Burr.
Geo. Willett.
A. W. Thompson.
G. A. Rawson.
Geo. P. Kimball.
J. H. Collins.
E. N. Bartlett.
E. W. Shurtleff.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Santa Barbara	J. T. Holmes
	Dea. C. S. Kittredge
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	John Arneil
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	Dea. W. H. Griffin
San Bernardino, 1st	Rev. J. H. Jenkins
	Dea. Ira H. Stoughton
Riverside	R. C. Brinkerhoff
	Mrs. R. C. Brinkerhoff
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	Mrs. Kate Douglass
National City	J. M. McCartney
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Los Angeles, West End	Mrs. W

DELEGATE FROM GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF

Rev. W. D. Williams, D. D.

INVITED TO SIT WITH THE ASSOCIATION AS CORR

Rev. Geo. Morris, San Francisco.
Rev. O. D. Crawford, Los Angeles.
Rev. Joseph Danielson, Windsor Locks, Conn.
Rev. J. W. Allen, M. E. Ch. South, Santa Barbara.
Rev. A. N. Field, M. E. Church, Santa Barbara.
Prof. H. B. Buckham, Santa Barbara.

Rev. E. W. C
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Rev. Mrs. E
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Rev. C. F. I
Mass.
Rev. Geo. J. V
Rev. Alex. Gi

Rev. H. P. Case, Superintendent of Sunday-school Work, made his third annual report, which was adopted [See Appendix A].

Rev. Wm. P. Hardy was elected as Scribe in the place of Rev. L. H. Frary, resigned.

Rev. C. S. Vaile read a paper entitled "The Training of Timothy," urging the training of children in home and Sunday school for mission work. After discussion of this topic the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We deem the Sunday-school to be largely the educating and training power, on the efficiency of which the future success of our churches depends; and,

WHEREAS, The promulgation of the Gospel among all tribes and peoples is the one great commission to the church, and a powerful motive to increased interest and activity; and,

WHEREAS, The marvellous progress of the gospel in all lands is not proportionally spread before our churches; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge our churches to place in their Sunday-school libraries choice books on travel and missionary work, together with missionary reviews and other missionary literature.

Resolved, That our Sunday-school and Publishing Society be requested to publish and send to the churches a select list of such literature.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches, through a wise use of the Sunday-school Missionary Concert, to arouse and sustain interest in missions.

Resolved, That we believe added interest wuuld accrue to missions, with a large increase in missionary support from our churches, if a missionary evangelist were appointed to present on this Coast the subject of Foreign Missions to our churches and Sabbath-schools.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Secretaries of A. B. C. F. M., and that we commend to them Rev. A. H. Burnell as pre-eminently fitted for the position of Foreign Missionary Evangelist.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. S. Bristol and Rev. Geo. A. Rawson: Deacons Geo. W. Marston, N. W. Blanchard, J. H. Stoughton and W. H. Griffin assisting.

At the close of the sacramental service a collection was made as the beginning of a fund for the relief of disabled ministers. This collection, amounting to $39.65, was placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, to be held by him until an organization for ministerial relief should be formed.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Rev. E. S. Williams, Field Secretary of the A. C. U. for the Pacific Coast, read a paper concerning our church and parsonage building work [see Appendix B], after which Rev. L. H. Frary presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Rejoicing that the A. C. U., having sent its representatives to this Coast, proposes here to forward its work of church and parsonage building:

Resolved, That we welcome these representatives to our churches, and will second their efforts in the gathering and wise use of funds; also, that as pastors and delegates of the churches we ratify the action of the Congregational Club of Southern California in pledging itself to the effort to raise in our congregations and Sunday Schools the proportion of fifty cents per church member for this work.

The Committee on Education made report through Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

Special reports were presented—concerning Orange County Collegiate Institute by letter of Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D.; concerning Santa Paula Academy by Dea. N. W. Blanchard; Bellevue Academy by letter of Principal, Horace A. Brown, and Pomona College by Rev. C. B. Sumner. [See Appendix C.]

Rev. Joseph Danielson and Rev. A. E. Tracy pledged an earnest effort to raise funds for Pomona College among personal friends. Chas. H. Harwood pledged $100 from Ontario Church, and Rev. L. H. Frary $200 from Pomona Church.

Voted that foregoing reports be accepted and adopted.

Voted that the Business Committee be instructed to prepare resolutions to the effect that our churches make special effort at once to assist Pomona College; which resolutions were afterward presented and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The cause of Christian Education constitutes a very important part of the work of our churches, and,

WHEREAS, Pomona College, the child of our begetting, lies on our hearts, claiming our tender, fostering and sustaining care, and,

WHEREAS, This College of ours, in its entire management, commends itself most heartily to us, for its Christian character, high standard, and superior scholarship; therefore

Resolved, That in the judgment of the ministers and representatives of the churches of this Association, here assembled, it is clearly and imperatively the privilege and duty of our pastors to preach or have preached in every church, each year, a sermon on Christian Education, in which should be fully set forth the advantages and claims of Pomona College; also

Resolved, That Pomona College should be on the Benevolent List of every church in this Association, and once a year there be taken for it a collection; and further

Resolved, That our Missionary Unions and Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor be encouraged to provide scholarships for the payment of the tuition, and for the full support of deserving and needy students.

The Nominating Committee made nominations as follows:

For Committee on Home Missions: Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Dea. Geo. W. Marston, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Bro. C. E. Harwood.

For Committee on Sunday Schools: Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. J. H. Collins, Rev. W. N. Burr.

For Committee on Education: Rev. C. T. Wetzel, Dea. Thomas Barrows, Rev. E. D. Weage.

For Committee on Temperance: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Dea. C. E. Cook, Bro. H. N. Farey.

For Committee on Publication: Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. G. A. Rawson, Bro. W. R. Blackman.

For Committee on Ministerial Relief: Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Bro. H. A. Palmer, Dea. H. W. Mills, Dea. Chas. P. Low, Rev. E. S. Williams.

For Delegates to General Association of California: Rev. F. B. Perkins, Rev. Geo. Willett.

For Delegate to Synod of the Pacific—Rev. H. T. Staats.

For place of next meeting, San Diego. Preacher, Rev. E. R. Brainerd; Alternate, Rev. W. H. Wolcott; Committee of Arrangements, Pastor of First Church, San Diego, Rev. F. B. Perkins, Rev. E. D. Weage, Capt. J. D. Hodge, Foster.

Voted, that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted.

Rev. C. S. Vaile presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the pastors and delegates of the Congregational Churches of Southern California, do heartily endorse and commend the work of our brother, H. P. Case, among us in connection with the Sunday School and Publishing Society, and we commend to our schools his suggestion that they contribute to the cause he represents not less than fifteen cents per member.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Home Missionary Meeting. After devotional services the work of the Women's Home Missionary Union was reported by its Secretary, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent [see Appendix D], and by its Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Mills. Then followed the report of the Home Mission Superintendent, Jas. T. Ford [see Appendix E], and Home Mission Addresses by Mrs. G. A. Rawson, and Revs. L. H. Frary, W. D. Williams and D. D. Hill.

Voted, that the report of the Home Mission Superintendent be adopted, and that the Business Committee be instructed to prepare a resolution embodying the recommendation of the report that our churches endeavor to contribute this year at the average rate of $2.00 per member for Home Missions, which resolution was afterward presented and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, There is urgent need of the extension of our mission work in Southern California; and,

WHEREAS, Such extension can be realized only by larger contributions from our own field, or by a lessening of the grants to churches already aided; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches to collect this year at least $5,000 for Home Mission work; and, to secure this result, that they keep before themselves the standard of last year, endeavoring to attain in their contributions the average rate of $2.00 per member, as numbered in our statistics for the current year.

The session opened with a half hour devotiona
W. Shurtleff.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. T. Ford, made report
ments for the year ending May 14, 1890, as follo

RECEIPTS.

May	16,	1889—	From	First Church, Los Angeles
"	16	"	"	Olivet
"	16	"	"	Poway
May	17	"	"	Third Church, Los Angeles
"	17	"	"	San Jacinto
"	17	"	"	Inglewood
"	17	"	"	Santa Barbara
"	17	"	"	Monrovia
"	17	"	"	Escondido
"	17	"	"	Carlsbad
"	17	"	"	Oceanside
"	17	"	"	Long Beach
"	17	"	"	San Diego, 1st
"	17	"	"	Sierra Madre
"	17	"	"	Pomona
"	17	"	"	Saticoy
June	1 to 30		"	Highlands
"	1	"	"	Halleck
"	1	"	"	Ontario
"	1	"	"	Spring Valley
"	1	"	"	Nordhoff
"	1	"	"	Compton
"	1	"	"	San Buenaventura
"	1	"	"	South Riverside
"	1	"	"	Perris
"	1	"	"	Vernon
"	1	"	"	San Bernardino
"	1	"	"	Westminster

DISBURSEMENTS.

May	17,	1889—	For postal cards	$ 50
"	28	"	For postal cards	50
July	2	"	To H. N. Farey for printing programs of General Association	8 00
"	19	"	To Ulrich Knoch, printing Minutes	76 00
"	20	"	For postal wrappers	1 96
"	24	"	For postage on packages sent out	3 33
"	24	"	For express charges "	1 30
Sept.	27	"	To Samuel B. Forbes, assessment for expenses of National Council	27 62
May	1,	1890—	Postal cards and envelopes	1 60
"	7	"	For printing certificate blanks for reduced fare, S. C. R. R.	2 00
			Amount	$122 81
			Balance in treasury	$ 47 81

The reports of Rev. L. H. Frary, delegate from this body to the National Congregational Council, and of Rev. J. T. Ford, delegate to the General Association of California, were presented and adopted.

The following resolutions presented by the Business Committee were adopted:

1. Concerning the Indians in Southern California.

WHEREAS, There are within the bounds of this Association about 3000 Indians, living on some twenty reservations, without any Protestant religious influence, and seemingly without any true religious teaching, except in one mission recently and hopefully established; and,

WHEREAS, The Government Agent, Maj. H. N. Rust, a capable and Christian official, will gladly welcome co-operation in all efforts to civilize and intelligently Christianize this people; therefore

Resolved, That we most earnestly request the A. M. A. to locate a missionary among these Indians as speedily as possible, and that we promise to give especial help to that society if this work should be started.

2. Concerning the Y. P. S. C. E.

In view of the important place in our church work of the Y. P. S. C. E.

Resolved. That we recommend a recognition of its work hereafter in the programmes of the annual meetings of this Association.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was recommitted to them for further consideration and a more complete report at our next annual meeting.

Rev. D. H. Colcord, according to resolutions passed at the last annual meeting, presented a summary of reports from the churches, which was adopted. [See Appendix F.]

Brief supplementary reports were made concerning special religious interest at San Jacinto, Highlands, Westminster, Compton, and Los Angeles 3d.

Rev. O. D. Crawford, Evangelist, addressed the Association on Evangelistic work.

The Business Committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote:

The ministers and delegates of the Congregational Churches of Southern California, assembled in General Association, gratefully remember the important services for seven years rendered to these churches by their beloved brother, Dr. J. W. Hough, and hereby express their deep sympathy with him in his present trial, and send him the most cordial fraternal greeting, with the prayer that it may please our Heavenly Father to speedily restore him to his usual health.

A copy of the above was immediately transmitted to Dr. Hough, who was confined to his bed in consequence of a serious accident.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

A paper entitled "A New Departure" was read by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott. It was designed to be an introduction to a report following it by a Committee on Course of Study for Ministers who have entered the work without Seminary Theological training. This committee recommended a course of study as follows:

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History.....Wm. Smith, L.L. D.
2. Introduction to Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.
3. Logic.....W. S. Jevons.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.
5. Church Polity.....Dexter or Ross.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament History.....Wm. Smith, L.L. D.
2. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith.
3. Psychology.....Noah Porter, D. D.
4. Homiletics.....Prof. A. Phelps or F. W. Fisk.
5. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith.
2. Christian Ethics.....Calderwood.
3. Rhetoric.....A. S. Hill.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

Voted, that this report be adopted, and that we recommend to councils for ordination that candidates who have not taken a complete theological course of study be requested to complete the course arranged by this Committee, or its equivalent, before ordination.

Rev. I. E. Dwinell, D. D., prevented by sickness from being present, sent his paper on "Church Fellowship," which was read by Rev. C. T. Weitzel.

Resolved, That we regret the absence of Rev. Dr. Dwinell, and especially the ill health that has caused it; that we thank him for his paper, sent to be read at our meeting; that we ask permission of Dr. Dwinell to print this paper in the minutes, and recommend, with his permission, that extra copies be printed for distribution in pamphlet form. [See Appendix G.]

An Address of Greeting was made by Rev. W. D. Williams, D. D. delegate from the General Association of California. Also by Bro. A. L. Van Blarcom and Rev. Geo. Morris, who were present from that Association.

Rev. J. T. Ford was elected Registrar for three years.

Rev. D. H. Colcord was elected Statistical Secretary for the same period.

In answer to a memorial from representatives of the W. C. T. U. of Santa Barbara and of Southern California, the Business Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Recognizing the great power and influence of the Press in moulding public sentiment by its treatment of questions of public interest, and by the manner of presenting items of news and reports in its columns, local and editorial;

Resolved, That we deprecate the tendency, apparently increasing on the part of many newspapers, to pander to tastes found chiefly in lower strata of society by the publication of items of news, reports in over-wrought sensational form, and advertisements of most demoralizing tendency and effect; and earnestly request the attention of publishers to the responsibility resting upon them in this regard,—assuring them of the hearty approbation and co-operation of good citizens in every community in any effort of theirs to resist and check this great evil.

The Committee on Temperance appointed last year, having failed to report, and resolutions on this subject having been informally presented to the Business Committee,

It was voted that we re-affirm the declarations made by the Association last year in regard to Temperance, and that the above named resolutions be referred to the Committee on Temperance appointed at this meeting.

Resolutions concerning the decease of Bro. C. S. Uzzell:

WHEREAS, In the allwise over-ruling of our Heavenly Father, one of our fellow laborers, Rev. C. S. Uzzell, has recently been called from his earthly work to his heavenly reward; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby put on record our appreciation of the faithful and efficient labors of our departed brother while serving our churches at Los Angeles, Vernon, Avalon and Pico Heights.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt Christian sympathy, and assure them of many prayers in their behalf, and, believing that the Father of the fatherless and the widows God and Judge, will never leave nor forsake them, we commend them to the exceeding great and precious promises of the word of His Grace, which is able to give them an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

Resolved, That the Scribe of the Association be instructed to forward to the wife of our deceased brother a copy of these resolutions.

Voted, that Rev. H. P. Case be requested to prepare a tribute to the memory of Bro. C. S. Uzzell, to be printed in the minutes. [See Appendix H.]

Rev. Geo. Willett was elected as delegate from this Association to the

International Council of Congregational Churches, to be held at London, England, in 1891.

Rev. D. H. Colcord was chosen to prepare a summary of the reports from the churches for next annual meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were read by the Scribe and accepted.

The Scribe was authorized to complete them by adding an account of the transactions of the body during the evening service.

The Registrar was authorized to condense the minutes for record.

Voted to adjourn at the close of the evening service.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

After Tea and Social in the Chapel, the Association having been called to order, the following resolutions presented by the Business Committee were adopted:

Resolved, That the multiplied thanks of this Association are hereby extended to the Congregational Church and friends of Santa Barbara for the delightful entertainment and abounding hospitality which we have received from them, whereby they have rendered our stay in their beautiful city a constant joy, and an experience of Christian pleasure which shall never fade from memory.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby heartily given to the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara for their generous courtesy in granting the use of their church building to our kindred and allied assemblies—the Womans' Missionary Organizations—during the session of this Association.

Then followed several informal addresses on "The Consecration of the Social Forces of the Church," and the meeting closed by joining hands and singing together the hymn beginning "Come ye who love the Lord."

WM. P. HARDY, Scribe.
JAS. T. FORD, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY WORK.

By Rev. H. P. Case, Superintendent.

Besides the appended statistics we take pleasure in reporting progress in our Sunday School Work.

I. —Concerning the work of the churches in and by their Sunday schools.

Faithful and patient work has been done in most instances by the workers whose total number is considerably increased above last year.

The total number of scholars has not greatly increased.

This is accounted for by the fact that six mission schools have ceased to exist, one church school disbanded, three or four mission schools have been taken by other denominations, and five or six schools fail to report. Besides, some schools have been reduced by the continued removal of families owing to the increasing hard times. Notwithstanding all this, we number 100 more workers and 250 more scholars than last year.

Despite financial depression, more money has been raised by the schools and the contributions to benevolences increased about 33 per cent.

We desire to emphasize two things of great importance to our Sunday school work.

1. There is need of increasing the attendance upon our Sunday school services. In almost every parish are not a few who for various reasons neglect the Sunday school.

Attendance can be increased by various methods: By roll-call, by rewards, by regular quarterly canvass of the parish, by opening a "Home Department," by considering and making the Sunday school the church Bible-studying service for all ages and persons.

2. There is great need of securing in our schools more thorough studying and teaching.

More and more the Sunday school is coming to be accepted as the Bible-studying service of the church. If this be its legitimate sphere, then two things are needed: To secure more study of Scripture from the scholars and better teaching ability in the teachers. Some progress has been made in these things during the past year. Scholars are giving evidence of study by their showing at Quarterly Reviews, and more teachers are at teachers' meetings, or at Sunday school conventions and institutes, and thus give evidence of desire to be better qualified for their great work.

II.—Concerning the work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

The general missionary work of the Society
States and Territories by 48 laborers, gathering
Sunday schools, besides doing much purely eva
for the organization of the churches. Six of t
the Pacific Coast; one, the writer, laboring duri
bounds of this Association.

2. Specific work of this Society's Superint
fornia (for statistics, see Appended Report).

I desire first to acknowledge gladly the ver
operation everywhere received; I have thereby
am considered a fellow-laborer with you in a com

A few items of my work may be of special int

In twelve places we have organized schools tha
by pastors or workers from our churches. These
develop into churches.

In seven other places we have started schoo
believe they will do great good, even if they do
churches.

In nearly a dozen other places we have visited
so-called "Union" Sunday schools, which are d
do more when they see the duty of becoming con
ination and so have fellowship among the great a

In ten of the schools organized we have had
public school teachers. In most cases they have
school, in fact no other person could be found
serving the community through the public school
help, the religious instruction of the young.

We close our report with a few paragraphs abo

The number of churches and schools observin

Resolution adopted at the Association:

"*Resolved*, That this Association heartily endorse the work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society represented among us by Rev. H. P. Case, and that we recommend to our Sunday schools that they contribute toward his work the sum of fifteen (15) cents per enrolled member."

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS AND FACTS.

I. Concerning schools connected with our Congregational Work in Southern California for the year ending April 30, 1890:

Schools of the local churches	48
Missions of the Congregational Sunday School and Pub. Society	27
Total enrollment	5,672
Total officers and teachers	745
Moneys raised by the schools	$3,378 00
Contributed to the Cong. S. S. and Pub. Society	$310 28
Schools contributing	35
Contributed to other causes	$365 00
Schools having teachers' meetings	18
Schools having temperance work	19
Christian endeavor societies	34
Schools having libraries	21
Schools using Congregational Literature	57
Schools observing "Children's Day"	41
Members of schools joining the church	212

II. Statistical Report of H. P. Case, District Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society for the year ending April 30, 1890:

Sunday Schools visited	66
Associations, Councils and Conventions attended	9
Sermons and addresses delivered	92
Places labored in	91
Schools organized	19
Enrollment in the same	683
Schools granted aid in Literature	34
Value of said grants	$253 82
Total contributions received on this field	$359 41
Miles traveled in work	6,271
Expenses incurred in my work	$268 90
Excess of grants and expenses over contributions	$163 31

III. General facts about the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society:

It undertakes to do the Missionary Sunday School Work for the Congregational Churches in the United States.

Organized at Boston, Mass., in 1825; re-organized, 1881.

In 1883 employed 3 missionaries and organized 29 schools.

In 1889 " 48 " " " 548 "

These missionaries labor in 22 States and Territories.

During past seven years 226 Congregational Churches grew out of schools organized by this Society.

In 1889 this Society had but $45,463.86 at its disposal out of the $100,000 recommended by the last National Council.

Six superintendents and missionaries are now at work on the Pacific Coast.

B.

SWEETWATER DAM.

A PAPER BY REV. E. S. WILLIAMS, FIELD SECRETARY OF THE A. C. U.

November 17th, 1886, in San Diego County, Southern California, was commenced the building of this most wonderful dam in the United States.

There are but four or five of greater height in the world. It crosses the valley of the Sweetwater River in a deep cañon, where there is a natural outlet for a great reservoir, and where the rocks on either side and at the bed-rock base are weighted with some mineral, which makes them even heavier than New Hampshire granite.

The mighty structure strengthened by its massive arching in toward the imprisoned waters, consists of huge stone blocks laid with Portland cement. Its length at the base is 76 feet. To cross it on its smooth rocky top, which is 12 feet wide, requires a walk of 396 feet. Its base is 46 feet thick. Its height from the river-bed is 80 feet and from the bed-rock 90 feet.

No Johnstown horror is suggested here at the sight of laborers' cabins and the cottages of fruit growers in the valley below, for the sluice ways are not earth works, but abundant water ways of massive masonry, and the eye of good sense agrees with the science of the engineer in pronouncing the structure sufficient to hold back the mighty lake of 700 acres extent, containing six billion gallons of water.

It may refresh your arithmetical conception to remember that six billions are 6,000 millions or thousand thousand thousands.

This elaborate structure, costing $200,000, was completed the 7th of April, 1888, under the management of Jas. D. Schuyler, a competent engineer.

What is it all for?

Is it that the National and Otay R. R. Co. may have a conglomerate rocky curio to show to tourists up in the Sweetwater Cañon? Is it that amateur photographers may have a new subject for their Kodaks? Is it that the San Diego Land and Town Co. may have a stunning lithograph figure head for their attractive immigration documents and advertise to the nation their thousands of acres?

No friends. All these effects have followed the building of this wonderful dam, which is one of the most unique sights of this material wonder land. Tourists go to see these pent up waters, as in old England they go to see "how the water comes down at Lodore."

Kodaks catch the graceful curves of the chiselled and compacted stones. An intelligent corporation *do* advertise to the multitudes in our land who desire to live warm, and spend their declining years under vines and fig trees of their own planting, that there are thousands of acres of rich red granite soil that is in great demand for the raising of the best oranges, lemons, olives and grapes. But the object of the great dam is that a desert may really be transformed into an oasis,—that paradise may bloom

where the cactus and the chapparel hide the coyote, the quail and the jack rabbit—that happy homes for rejoicing parents and healthy children may be built upon every ten acres, which under the old régime were only sufficient for a hardy burro or a hungry steer.

The Sweetwater Dam shows what water is worth by what it will do. Tourists pass by unique combinations of picturesque rocks to turn their cameras on this *useful* structure. They were far-sighted men who seemed to bury capital in advance of demand for garden land, but time is already justifying their foresight. San Diego shared liberally with Riverside and Minnetonka in first prizes for fruit at the New Orleans Exposition.

Friends, the Congregational Union is a Sweetwater Dam for the United States. It is but the collection with a firm and intelligent purpose, and under a generous *plan of distribution* of the sweet waters of benevolence that the moral deserts of our land may blossom as the rose. It lives to help the churches of the Saviour of men and to put the Lord's Gardeners in tabernacles of shelter during the heat and burden of the day. We are celebrating the 37th anniversary of its organization amid the graceful bowers of Santa Barbara, and like a friend whom you have in love's delightful exchanges taught to expect birthday gifts, it is wondering what you are going to give it to-day.

It has spent $1,415,261.90 to irrigate the ground for 1,916 churches in 46 States and Territories, and $74,468.90 to mingle with the flow of the gospel-stream, the music of "Home, Sweet Home," in 223 parsonages in 27 States and Territories. Up to March 19, 1890, it has aided eighty-three churches in California to the extent of $58,340.29, directly and indirectly, in building houses of worship, and has put $2,050 into seven parsonages, making a nice little total of $60,390.29, that has gone into church and parsonage building in California.

The outlay in Southern California has been $21,320 for twenty-one churches and three parsonages. We would like to double the number of parsonages this year. Its present *zanjero* is Dr. L. H. Cobb, who longs to open the flood gates and pour out upon this favored land the full tide of $400,000, and bring the church and parsonage building up to the high-water mark of two hundred churches and two hundred parsonages annually, as most earnestly recommended by the National Council at Worcester in its report on the reclamation of western lands.

A scanty use of the Sweet-water current, because it *costs* something, means undue drudgery at the plow and harrow, costlier use of broken cisterns, barren praying for rain from brazen skies, when by good use of means which God and nature, and the grit of good cement have put into their hands, men can water the earth with their feet and soften the ridges thereof abundantly. I will not try to picture the results of a petty policy in the influx and outflow of the king's silver and gold, for no such penny-wise plans can capture the privileged children of this favored commonwealth. Our genial *Episcopus* Ford, rejoicing that the later rush of immigration to this sunny southland was followed by such prompt and refresh-

ing help from the American Home Missionary Society and the American Congregational Union, that many of our new settlements have a prevailing Christian influence, and have been saved from the experience of the gold-seeking immigration of forty years ago, writes thus beautifully: "Entering a church in one of these places, and asking the question why should we contribute to these societies? we need not seek far for the answer. It is incarnated in the building that covers and surrounds us, in the reverent worship of the congregation, in the beneficent ministrations of the Church, in the condition of society all around it elevated and purified by its influence."

The San Diegan, asked by a tourist for a sight of specimen investments, can show the soft and sunny spots where the fingers of a child are strong enough to turn the flow of enriching waters, and where rural cottages are building, unsurpassed by any laborers' homes in the world.

Could I transport you to the snowy tops of San Bernardino, San Jacinto and Old Baldy, I could show you twenty-one comely churches, whose builders have been refreshed by helpful streams just as they were fainting by the way. Six more have written to the zanjero that they will die of exhaustion unless they too can tap the life-giving stream, and the answer has come: "The water will be turned on such a day. We keep supplies banked up to meet just such emergencies. Get ready." If I were a real-estate man how proudly I could write such names on my list. These have been to the Sweetwater: First Church, Park, Third, and East Los Angeles, Pico Heights, Edgemont, Compton, Sierra Madre and Avalon, in Los Angeles County. San Bernardino First, Redlands, Highlands, Riverside, South Riverside, Ontario and Halleck, in San Bernardino County. National City, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Escondido, San Jacinto, Paris and Ballena, in San Diego County. In San Luis Obispo County: San Miguel.

The same good brother, who is my authority for most that I know about these lighted candlesticks, says that the light of six of them would have certainly gone out in darkness but for the Union supplies.

Friends, the Union longs to turn on the productive stream wherever possible, but it cannot pour out of a vacuum. Help us! Churches and parsonages mean money and missionaries for the American Board. Miss Fay, President of the Woman's Board of the Pacific, tells me they get little money and no missionaries from unhoused churches. Free use of the American Congregational Union means groups of youth ready for Pomona College, for the whitening fields of the American Home Missionary Society, for the New West Education Commission in Utah, for the canvas of the Sunday School and Publishing Society in every nook and corner of this fair land.

We burn with purpose to help you crown Christ King in this fair land. Use us where you can. If you strike the deep well of riches let some of the stream boil over here; if you may put but a few drops of rain from your pitcher pour that in. If I emptied a camp canteen on the mountain

ridges about Sweet-water I would turn it toward the *dam*. If caught in a shower on the mountains, where the stream would follow my foot, I would lead it that way. "Where there's a will there's a way."

C.

REPORT OF POMONA COLLEGE.

By Rev. C. B. Sumner.

The foremost thought of this Association in establishing our College was, and in fostering it must always be, to have a Christian school of the higher type where we can, and shall be glad to send our children. We accept public schools as a part of free institutions. State Universities, we recognize as likely to continue. But this public provision for education, in a country where opinions on religious matters are so various, fails to meet the demands of enlightened Christian judgment. We want about our children, in the most plastic period of their character-forming, what reason and experience tell us we cannot expect from other than pronounced Christian sources, positive Christian influences. We are not willing to risk, even with the counteracting influence of the family circle, enforced negative, not to say the likelihood of positively unchristian training.

Regard for our ancestry influenced us at the beginning, and properly influences us now. We are loyal to our denomination. Our own schools are better for us than any other schools, and we do not propose to continue the folly of some, who have gone before us, and give away our money and our patronage to educate our children out of the faith which is our most precious heritage, and one of the grandest gifts of the Christian era to man. Our children are to be brought up, and trained, as far as possible, under the best types of the religion of our fathers.

Second only to the Christian character of our College, was to be, and is its scholarly character. We will not have a second or third rate institution. We must have the best of its kind—such as we ourselves have been accustomed to—perfected to the latest date. A Congregationalist, to the manor born, cannot brook a narrow, inferior grade of school and school work. He is sure, if he does get drawn into this Western maelstrom, to apostatize. Concentrated efforts, foremost standards, and scholarship to maintain the standards, are fundamental to our College idea. Nothing less than this has any right to pass under our name, and ask our fostering care. As our College approaches this ideal it is most fitly ours, and we will cherish it as fondly as any mother cherishes her own offspring.

It is our privilege to press home the question, whether Pomona College is meeting these two supreme ends of our educational policy. To answer this question is the primary purpose of this report.

The spiritual life of an educational institution, in its beginnings, has been found to have so much to do with its subsequent history, that those in

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confession; and some of the number are just as n
students of the College. The twelve students wh
Pilgrim Church are by no means all who have been l
while connected with the College. And more than t
formed that, through influences set in motion by conta
students, ten or more have united with one of our most

But perhaps more than the conversions, it may be t
conversions, is the Christian character, developed anc
still larger number of the students. This fruitage d
morbid atmosphere. Our students are brimful and r
sorts of fun; but it rarely goes farther than innocent sp
There is a trend towards righteousness on the playgrou
prayer meeting, and the class-room. You will remem
Association was formed at the opening of the College;
force. I should say that from twenty to thirty took pa
ing of this Association, conducted by a young lady. F
term, remembering the helpfulness of students' meeti
perience, it was suggested to a few of the young ladies
arately, that a meeting of half an hour a week, by th
pleasant and profitable. The suggestion met a hearty re
there has been no break in either of these students' m
were started. A boy of fifteen, who often goes quite a
these meetings, which are held before evening study h
few days ago: "The best meeting I ever knew anyth
the north end of Claremont Hall. F—would not have
last Sunday but for that."

We have two classes in the New Testament, one in th
the English, which meet once a week.

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for freshman year in our own, or any other college, except in the study of a modern language, which some of the Eastern colleges have just added to their requirements. A part of the class has not studied French or German. An opportunity will be given during freshman year to make up this deficiency. Hereafter we expect to include modern languages in our preparation. Twelve at least from outside have under consideration joining our freshman class. The other classes are doing work which will commend itself to all. The accession of Mr. Colcord gives us four strong teachers, prepared for anything, and with specialties happily covering our immediate needs. Mr. Brackett, graduate of Dartmouth, last year offered a tutorship in Natural Science by his alma mater, has Mathematics, and is prepared to teach Natural Science; Prof. Norton, graduate of Amherst, one year student at Johns Hopkins, post-graduate at Yale, and several years professor at Yankton, has Greek; Miss Spalding, graduate of Carleton, has the English Language and Literature; Mr. Colcord, graduate of Amherst, where he made Modern Languages a specialty, offered a tutorship of Latin by his alma mater, has Latin and Modern Languages. The Department of Music, we expect, will be under the charge of Prof. and Mrs. Brannan, for some years connected with the Conservatory of Music in Iowa College. Of both ex-President Magoun speaks in the highest terms in every respect. They leave the East solely on account of Prof. Brannan's delicate health, which however does not interfere with his performance of any duties. Miss Parker, our teacher in Art, has had a successful experience in teaching Art in the schools of Cincinnati.

Thus, while our standards are as high as the highest, our teaching force will rank well with the best institutions in the country. I do not hesitate to say, in the spirit of fullest loyalty to my alma mater, that during the first two years of the College course—we are not yet called upon to go further—our teaching will average fully equal to that which I enjoyed at Yale the first two years; and in our smaller classes at Pomona College I know that we can and will do much more for our students, in the way of personal supervision and helpfulness, than it is possible to do in the larger classes in our best Eastern colleges. If we are not able to provide adequately for the subsequent years, as we fully expect to be, when we come to them, we will at least have the students prepared to enter any other college they may elect, in the same grade which they leave with us.

Our rhetorical work may be seen at the weekly meetings of our Literary Societies, under the general direction of the faculty, but immediately controlled by the students. At the close of the present year, June 19th and 20th, besides the examinations, and the orations and essays of the class ready for College, there will be a Prize Debate. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend and judge of our work. *The Pomona Student* is regularly published by the students.

The facts are substantially before you. Does our College meet the reasonable demands of the Association, in the two supreme ends for which it was established?

In these particulars we have sought to meet the most exacting requirements. Indeed, we have held the trust committed to us as a holy thing, and diligently considered every interest as before God and these churches. It is not yet clear how we could have done less or more in fidelity to our trust. Faith has been called for—something of that large faith to which Brother Willett referred in his sermon; faith in God as over and in our work; faith in the future; faith in the fatherhood and motherhood of our churches, which will not permit their own offspring to starve, or be injured perhaps for life, by neglect, or lack of fostering and sustaining care. We have even made drafts on the faith of our friends, to tide us over these pinching times till our churches can rally and meet their obligations. In providing for assured growth and advancement in the near future, we have been compelled to draw still larger on faith. We come to you to-day in the full belief and confidence that our faith in you has not been misplaced, but you will approve and provide the means for carrying out our plans.

Brethren, do we realize how essential a part of our best work is our College? The great work of these churches, like the great work of the Epistles of the New Testament, is educational. If asked to state in two words the grand purpose of our churches, we should substantially agree in the answer—Christian character. If urged further to specify just as briefly the most efficient means of obtaining Christian character, we should with equal unanimity answer—Christian education. Christian education has a wide range. It stretches over the whole life from the cradle to the grave. It embraces a great variety of instruction from the mothers' caress to the pastors' preaching. But the most teachable period undoubtedly is the proper school days, from the primary grade to the professional school, and outside the home, and perhaps the church, the strong influence is the school influence, culminating in the years from fourteen to twenty, and with college students, in the college. Ah! how much character, indeed how many characters are determined at this period. The influence of the college reaches outside the four years course. It generally begins long before the curriculum, and ends, we know not when. It not only molds character and gives education, it also awakens a thirst for education. Its presence, often its very name is a power. Of the dozen prepared by us for college it is safe to say that not more than three, at the outside four, would ever have given a serious thought to a college course, but for Pomona College. Not all of these are from Pomona. But of an equal number, who are members of Pilgrim Church, and who expect to take a college course, not more than one-third would probably have attempted it, but for Pomona College. Thus the College has not been opened two years, and yet, where its influence is most felt, three times as many young men and women, as would otherwise have done so, are entering upon a full course of disciplinary study. Bring this College as close to your hearts, and the hearts of your people as you may, by your efforts in the pulpit and out of it, and by welcoming and assisting the College representative, and as many, proportionally, may be found in your own community, and be induced to

seek the same advantages. Who will fathom the significance of such a fact? Look back into some of those little New England towns—why is it that so many of the effective men of the country to-day have come from them? Partly, at least, because the attention of the children early and continually was called to the value of mental discipline. In nearly every case you can trace the influence back to one or two men, generally the minister. This is not a matter that takes care of itself. Personal work has been done with parents and children in the case of nearly every student for our college course. We must hunt up the promising boys and girls, encourage and stimulate them to make the most of themselves. In these days, with a strong will, poverty is no insurmountable barrier to any one getting an education. Let the facts be known and push for the object and it may be obtained.

The world, as never before, demands college educated men and women. Commerce and trade, manufactories, railroads, all sorts of corporations, the halls of legislation, the better government offices, all demand men whose minds have been disciplined by study. Money is buying some positions, but the day of its doom in this direction is sealed. No amount of money or brains takes the place of hard wrought mental discipline. Mr. Lee, in his article in the *New Englander*, republished in pamphlet form, has admirably shown that in these days there is a real and important pecuniary value to a college education. Our children and the children of our churches must not be crowded out of the leading places because they have not the needed mental discipline. Our churches must not be crippled in their influence because the leaders of our communities are all from outside. In the past our churches have held sway, and swayed the country, because they have educated their children, and the children of the church have been the leaders. Is this all to be changed with the prevalence of state education? We want Christian men of the broadest and best type in all leading positions. We must furnish the men. The state does not pretend to furnish that kind of men. It never has furnished them. To this end we must provide the college and see that our children avail themselves of its advantages.

Our churches are rapidly increasing. We count them up year by year and properly rejoice in the fact. Whence the men to occupy them? Let us not flatter ourselves that we can always draw from the East; the East is not furnishing half enough men for its own needs, not to speak of the needs of the heathen world, which are growing as never before. The whitened fields cover the whole earth. Whence the reapers? The Pacific Coast, and the western islands, for the most part, in the near future, must be supplied, if they are supplied at all, from our own higher institutions, and from our own families.

Denominationalwise, does not our self-preservation demand of us to take care of our College? Looking, too, at the widest usefulness of our churches, as factors in the coming kingdom of Christ, must we not greatly exalt our College? As Christian parents, keenly alive to the interests of

our children, shall we not make the very most of our College? In view of present facts ; in view of the history so familiar to us all, and in which we take pardonable pride, does *any object*, after our own local Church and Sunday School, come *so near* to us, so really constitute *a part* of our own privilege and obligation, as our College? Shall we not pray for it, in public, in private, keep it before our people in pulpit and home, shall we not put it on our benevolent list, number one, even if we have explicitly pledged ourselves to the Home Missionary Society, and the Congregational Union,—and I hold these pledges sacred, and blessed before God, and man —yes, I hold all our churches as virtually pledged to them, and to all our seven societies as well—nevertheless, admitting this, is there not, in the nature of things, and in our own assumed relation to our College, and its dependence on us, an implied pledge, equally binding? We have tried the past year to raise two dollars a member for Home Missions—not a dollar too much. I hope we shall not raise one dollar less for Home Missions next year. What have we done for our College? We do not wish our Home Missionaries to starve, we do not mean they shall suffer—are we willing our College teachers should starve or even suffer? There have been, there are heroic instances among our churches of self-sacrifice—have you thought whether there might be self-sacrifice in connection with the College? Understand me, brethren, not as finding fault, not as comparing one Christian duty to the detriment of another, of all things not wishing to take one penny from Home Missions, these benevolences are all a part of our Christian life.

The only question is whether we, as churches, as individuals ought to have done the one thing and left the other undone—nay whether in our plans for the future we *shall* leave the other undone. It has been my privilege to have a personal acquaintance with Home Missionary work, Church and Parsonage Buildings, in state and territory, in city and country, and in mining camps and on ranches. I have seen the Indian on his reservation, in his schools, and in his villages without schools; I have visited the Chinese in his quarters in San Francisco and elsewhere, and in his schools and Sunday schools; spent days and nights with the Spanish speaking Mexicans for whom the New West is so nobly laboring; I have seen the Negro in his hovel, in his school, and on the plantation. My heart is not hard enough to resist any of these appeals. I want a part every year in all these benevolences, and also in giving the gospel to the heathen in the far off countries. These are all God's work and can hardly be pressed too strongly. It often amazes me as I think of the money in the churches, and realize that God permits such desperate needs within reach of the churches. But in the face of all these experiences and sympathies, permit me to say, and say strongly, as one trying to be a good Steward of the Lord Jesus Christ, I know of no place where a dollar of the Lord's money will do so much good, first and last, in building up His kingdom, as properly invested just now in Pomona College. Mr. S. M. Sayford, who doubtless knows more

about American colleges and their Christian work than any other man, after spending some days in studying our work, said to me, without solicitation, "I wish to help you. How can I best do it?" I suggested supporting a pupil, about $200 a year, and laid a particular case before him. He replied, "I will guarantee it for the whole college course; if I cannot get the church with which I am connected to give it, I will give it myself, I know of no better benevolence." Another man from the East, after studying the situation, asked the same question, with similar result. Every dollar given to Pomona College now, helps to do such work as that. If any one prefers specific cases, there is no lack of them; cases, too, that would touch the hardest hearts. No doubt some might be found at your own door, would you carefully search for them, whom your church would be glad to help, if the matter were properly put before them. To help one such Christian scholar is to create a perpetual well-spring of water, springing up unto everlasting life.

D

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION — SECRETARY'S REPORT.

By Mrs. H. K. W. Bent.

Perhaps the excellent results of organization have never been more noticeable than in the various kinds of woman's work during the past ten or fifteen years. It would be interesting to trace it along all the lines in which it has come to our aid, whether for self culture, as in literature, art, music, or for helping on the great work of the world, as in temperance, social elevation and missionary work of every kind. To-day, however, we are chiefly interested in observing what it has done for us in our special department.

Two years ago we were called together, and came, scarcely knowing wherefore. Many of us were fairly familiar with mission work abroad. We knew something, at least, of the moral needs among the women of Turkey, of China, of Japan, of India, and had some knowledge of the means pursued to meet them. We had friends who were missionaries in these far off lands, and we sympathized with them in their discouragements and their successes. Comparatively few of us, however, knew much about mission work at home. We had listened respectfully to the annual home missionary sermon, and perhaps invited the minister home to dinner. But we had taken no real comprehensive grasp of the thought that in this Christian land there are regions where there is no religious teaching of any kind— where in some cases not even the gospel story has ever been heard; that thousands of children on the frontiers are growing up absolute strangers to Christian influence; that countless numbers from foreign lands are steadily diluting the public principle with godlessness; that the help-

less ones of all our oppressed races have only us—and such as we—to make them other than they are.

Happily there was one whose life work had led her thought beyond ours. She felt the needs; she saw that Christian women were coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty evils of our day, and that their weapons were wielded by the strong arm of organization. And so, at her call we came together, a shifting collection of well-meaning units. What have two years accomplished for us? We have an acknowledged place among the forces working intelligently for the evangelizing of our country. The leaven of home missionary education is working among the women of our churches, and aspiring to leaven the whole lump. The pastors of all the churches have come to understand our aims, and give us their respect and co-operation. Individually, we have learned much. We know, at least, that we do not know—the first step toward intelligence.

Several of the societies represented here have commenced a systematic study of the seven societies through which our Congregational Churches carry on their missionary work. This indicates progress, but we have much yet to learn. Some still suppose that the A. H. M. S. embraces all our home work, and there are not lacking some who confuse our Union with the "Woman's Board!" Moreover, to simply learn the scope and aim of each of the six societies to which we are tributary, is but the beginning. We cannot be really interested in them until we study the field of each, with its opportunities and difficulties; become familiar with its workers—their personnel, their plans, their needs and privations—and know what it has been, and what it is proposed to do. I believe every auxiliary, which has begun this line of study, will indorse me in saying that its importance and interest can hardly be over-estimated. This, however, is a glance at the future, and I meant to speak only of the past. You will wish to know the details of advance for the past year.

At our first annual meeting we reported 19 auxiliaries. Nine new ones, or 50 per cent. have been added during the year. Our net gain is but six; however, as unhappily we have lost three. The Young Ladies' Society of the Los Angeles Third Church united with the senior society. Carlsbad lapsed because of serious difficulties, and one—which shall be nameless—disbanded from lack of interest.

The number of members is more difficult to report, owing to incomplete returns from the local secretaries. The approximate number last year was 400, and the reports now in indicate some 600 at present—a gain in this direction, too, of about 50 per cent. In this particular we have not done what we hoped, as the gain in membership has been chiefly furnished by the new auxiliaries, and we had hoped the old societies would recruit their numbers more largely.

We come now to contributions—the most easily measured of our achievements, though not, perhaps, the most important. We undertook no pledge as to amount, but resolved to aim definitely for an average of $1.00 per member, as against 75 cts. the first year. Here we have met gratifying suc-

cess. Some of the weaker societies, though doing bravely and generously, have been unable to reach the standard. Some have found it needful to devote most of their means to their own struggling churches—truly, home mission work, but not coming under our jurisdiction. But others have been able to give so largely as to bring our average up to $1.25. The actual amount, is $889, or 2¾ times the amount last year. This, during a year when financial stress was universal, and when embarassment and even privation were not uncommon, will give us much confidence for the future.

We have as yet but one Mission Band among the children—the Coral Workers of the First Church of Pasadena. We have large plans in this direction, it being our ambition to have in every church not only a Woman's Society, but also a Missionary Department of the Y. P. S. C. E., and a Children's Band, as working auxiliaries of our Union. No words are needed to emphasize the educational and practical advantages of this plan, as it can be gradually worked out. The pioneer Band, of Pasadena, is a worthy example for those that shall come after it, in its admirable management and results.

Our Auxiliaries have very largely preferred the A. H. M. S., in their gifts, having placed three-fifths of our entire receipts at its disposal. The A. M. A. has come next in favor, then the Con. Union and the C. and Ed. Society.

We should hardly feel satisfied, I think, with the proportion of our churches having Mission Societies. Our churches are new, and small and poor, I know, yet they number fifty, and our auxiliary, of all kinds, are but twenty-five. Let me read you part of a letter from one little church, which is new and poor and small, like the rest, but it has the true ring:

"I write to inform you of the beginning of great things for Pico Heights in the missionary work. A few of the ladies of our church met together to organize a Missionary Society, and it was voted that we become auxiliary to the W. H. M. Union. We are in earnest, and will do the best we can. We could plead many excuses, such as poverty, indifference of the people, etc., but Mother Uzzell has stirred us up, and she has the faculty of *keeping us stirred up*. So, as I said before, we expect to do great things."

"Would we had more Mother Uzzells!"

E.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

BY REV. J. T. FORD, SUPERINTENDENT.

The record of our home mission work for the year now closed is one of real progress in the face of much hindrance and discouragement. It is a record of burden-bearing and self-denial to a degree hitherto unknown among us.

We have in the outskirts of our cities several churches made up largely of mechanics, who have been for a long time well nigh without employment; other churches, also, in towns built up in advance of the growth of the surrounding country, with shops and stores profitless for want of patronage; churches in neighborhoods of depleted population, which churches must needs be maintained, for the tide will soon return; and larger churches, containing men of wealth, so heavily burdened through financial embarrassment as to feel it impossible for them to bear as they would the burdens of others. In some cases our Home Missionary Committee have been constrained to reverse the ordinary rule for the gradation of aid granted; and to recommend more aid, instead of less, than the year before—more by count, but less as compared with the need of the applicant. These representations must not be understood as applying to all our churches, but they picture too truly the condition of some.

By the fact that our churches, already planted, required as much aid as they received the previous year, as well as by order from New York, we have been limited to the maintenance of the work already begun, and have organized no new churches, but such, with one exception, as could be manned without additional home missionary aid. The churches added to our list are, Avalon, Ballena, De Luz and Jamul—four in number, as against twelve added the previous year. One church—Saticoy—was disbanded by vote of its members at the close of the home missionary year; not because it was not needed, but because—half its members being Adventists—its work was divided, and its meetings rendered unprofitable by continued controversy.

But though we have only three more churches, our membership has greatly increased. The statistics prepared for the year book, covering the calendar year 1889, show that our fifty churches received 1,057 members, an average of more than twenty each, 413 on confession, 644 by letter. Of these our thirty-two home mission churches received 491, 138 on confession and 853 by letter. The whole number received is less by ninety-two than were received in 1888, but the number added on confession is greater by eighty-eight than were added last year. The number received by our mission churches is less by thirty-eight than the previous year—three less on confession, thiry-five less by letter. The number added by letter was less than in 1888 because the immigration from the East was less. But it is believed to have been larger in proportion to the immigration than it was the year before. The increase in additions on confession means that the new era for Southern California of interest in religious truth and of susceptibility to religious impression, which began in 1888, continued with increasing results of blessing during the year 1889. The good work goes forward this year also. Many converts have been added to our churches within the past four months, but of these we have no exact statistics.

Our financial difficulties have not prevented the work of church building. Three of our home mission churches have been comfortably housed since our last report. Our brethren at North Pasadena found a church

empty, waiting to be occupied; bought it for $500, moved it a mile to a lot given by one of its members, repaired, beautified and furnished it at a cost of less than $300; and now have a house of worship valued at $2,000. The church at Villa Park, in the first year of their church life, though their vineyards were destroyed by pestilence, and their orange groves wasted by an army of invaders as rapacious and relentless as the hordes of Attila, yet, under the energetic lead of their pastor, by persistent effort have completed a beautiful sanctuary suited to gather and unite the people in harmonious worship.

The church at Avalon, gathered last summer by Brother C. S. Uzzell, who, many thought, went there to die, had before the season of seaside resort was ended, a commodious meeting-house, a monument to the faith, courage, directness of effort, business aptitude, and single-hearted devotedness to the Master's work, of that dear brother, who, though he had already received the word, "Come up higher," collected the money, bought the lumber, and overlooked the minutest details of the work.

The church at Pico Heights has a new parsonage. That same brother, called back from the river's brink, but waiting still for the summons to cross over, began work as pastor of this church on the 1st of April. He found an untenanted house that could be bought for $350. It could be moved and fitted up anew for $150 more. With characteristic faith and promptness he bargained for it without delay, engaged the mover, secured assurance of aid from the A. C. U., and when we went last Wednesday to lay his body in the dust, there, on the church lot, was the parsonage—another monument, his last work on earth—no, not his last work—"He being dead yet speaketh," yet worketh.

Sierra Madre, after long waiting, though in circumstances more straitened than heretofore, has begun to build. Its house will have a richer value because its foundations are laid in greater sacrifice.

West San Bernardino, like North Pasadena, has found a church which it can buy for one-fourth the cost of building. If only here, as there, some one would give a lot, that congregation could readily secure its house of worship. The enterprise halts now, but they are in earnest, and we look for God to open the way.

Our church building work may be summed up as follows: Three churches housed, one furnished with parsonage, two more prosecuting the work of church building—and all this made possible because the A. C. U. grants at least $1,600 to give impetus to the work. From our home mission point of view we may also be permitted to hail the completion of three larger and more elegant sanctuaries, by Los Angeles First, Santa Barbara and Redlands, self-supporting churches.

Thirty-three churches have received home mission aid within the year. These churches have twenty-one out-stations, making fifty-four preaching places occupied by missionary labor. Two of these churches, Ontario and Highlands, have now assumed the full support of their ministry.

In December, Rev. Otis D. Crawford began work among our churches

as an evangelist, his support being guaranteed by the Home Missionary Society. He has labored with eight of our churches. He has, with rare exceptions, held services five days every week since he began, besides the services of the Sabbath and much visitation from house to house. His customary week-day services have been Bible-reading, followed by childrens' meeting in the afternoon, preaching and after-meeting in the evening. In connection with these services, by the grace of God, through his labors co-operating with pastor and people, the following results, among others, are reported: A distracted church harmonized and dissentinent denominations united in Christian work, seventeen received into one church on confession of faith, at another place thirty persons professing conversion or return from backsliding, at another about fifty, including children, converted. More than one pastor rejoices that the professed converts seem to be decided in purpose, and to give clear evidence of conversion. Almost all the reports speak of the churches themselves as strengthened and uplifted, and prepared for better future work. Thanking God for his saving mercies, we desire to express our strengthened conviction that special evangelistic services are clearly honored by Him as important means for the upbuilding of the churches. These may sometimes be conducted successfully by pastor and people without calling in outside aid. Sometimes the assistance of neighboring pastors may be used to great advantage; but in most cases the ordinary work of our pastors so taxes their powers that they have no resources in reserve for the arduous labors of continuous revival services, either at home or abroad. The peculiar conditions of our imperfectly established churches, as well as the fact of peculiar aptitudes in men, indicate a need of employing specialists in evangelistic work. It was to churches in like unsettled beginnings that "He gave some to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of ministering unto the building up of the body of Christ."

At our last meeting we asked the churches to contribute to home missions for the year before them $5,000, or at the rate of $2 per member as numbered in the Year Book for '89. Many of the ministers and delegates present responded for their churches, giving assurance of their best endeavors to collect that amount. When we take into account the stress of the times, the results of their efforts are most gratifying. Our contributions were $3,347.55, an advance of $562.96 upon the amount reported the previous year. Omitting from the account of that year the post mortem gift of $500 by our lamented Brother Weldon, we have the advance in the gifts of the living—$1,062.96.

Ten of our churches attained to the standard rate of $2 per member—Los Angeles Third, Saticoy, Highlands, Pomona, Santa Barbara, San Diego Second, Perris, Monrovia, Ontario and Buena Park. Several of these are worthy of special mention. Los Angeles Third, first in the list, contributed at the rate of $4 28 per member. More than

half the amount was made up by the Womans' Home Missionary Society, which, besides the payment of its monthly dues, opened the doors of the church for a social, spread tables for those who came, sold at fair prices the results of their needle work, and by that single effort gained $40 for home missions. Go, thou, and do likewise. Saticoy, second on the list, counts $2 92 per member. The Saticoy church is no more. It died an honorable death. It paid all its dues. It was true to the last, and leaves this shining example of gospel giving for us to emulate. Pomona, fourth on the list, ought perhaps to have been placed second. By a single, well-directed, systematically-prosecuted effort, in which a circular letter and home missionary information was sent to every individual from whom a contribution might be hoped, it collected $350, or $2.82 per member. But its collection of $100, made for the previous year, was not reported until the first month of the year under review. Since it did not receive credit for this last year, credit is due now. Pomona actually reports for the year $450, or $3 60 per member. Highlands, $2 88 per member, and Ontario, $2 per member, are considered worthy of special mention; because, in addition to these contributions, they have attained to self support, each releasing for other work $300 per year, the amount of the last grants made to them by the Society. But who shall say that such churches as Perris and San Diego Second, which, out of deep financial distress have come up to the standard, have not, in the Master's estimate, put in more than they all which have put into the treasury?

At our last annual meeting we believed that we were shut up to raising $5,000 if we would sustain adequately the work then begun. But, when the representatives of our churches, from all parts of the country, came together at Saratoga in June, they said to our directors at New York: "No matter how great the debt of the Society may be, the work already begun must be suitably sustained, at whatever cost. The churches will come to the rescue." Encouraged by this utterance, we asked from time to time whatever was needed for missionaries then in the field and it was granted. But we asked no grant for new work, except for Avalon. Soon after that was received we were forbidden to ask for more. Our expenditure for the year amounted to $12,723.91.

There is apportioned to us from New York, for the year upon which we have entered, $9,200, and as much more as we can raise in the field. We are told that this is our *fixed* apportionment for the year—that we must on no account exceed this limit. This is about the sum required to maintain our present work if our contributions to the Society and our expenses in the field should continue the same as last year. We are admonished, therefore, from New York that our "churches should be made deeply to feel that whatever new work is undertaken must come from savings from the old work and an increase in their own contributions to the cause."

New work *must* be undertaken. We cannot afford to sit still and fold our hands and make no forward movement the coming year. Since the

first of April eight calls have come to us—some of them former calls repeated—to occupy new fields. We have too long neglected the northern counties of our district, now growing rapidly in population. Satan has not neglected them. His churches are planted in every hamlet, and they do not lack support. When will the children of light learn wisdom of the adversary, and begin their work in every new settlement at its beginning? It will require years of toil in those neglected fields to undo the evil work that should have been forestalled. But in these hard times, can we support new work? I answer: What room for discouragement, when He has said, "Lo, I am with you always"? Is any work too difficult, with the might of God at our command? Is any sacrifice too great, with the cross of Calvary in sight?

To accomplish the work set before us, three things—to use a not unfamiliar form of paradox—are necessary on our part: The first is consecration; the second is *consecration*; the third is CONSECRATION. It is the Lord's money that we have in hand. I will not say, Let us consecrate it. It is consecrated. Let us keep it consecrated. It is to be used in the Lord's business, and for nothing else. Only let us know the sweet meaning of the words, "*Ye* are not your own; ye are bought with a price," and we shall delight to use it in the Lord's business, and for nothing else. In His business the great things, not the trifles, come first. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Entering upon our home mission work in this spirit of consecration, and inquiring, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" we shall not find it hard to enlarge our work. What was the Lord's plan for his ancient people? Every twelve families were to support a Levite—a man devoted to religious service—and his family. They were to do it by setting apart each a tenth of its income. This, when only the land of Israel was the field. Now, when the field is the world, would he have us set apart any less? Every twelve families of our churches can, according to this plan, support a minister better than they live themselves. Let them do it. Let the minister make common cause with the people, accept cheerfully this apportionment, and tithe his income in like manner. Let it be done by families, every one in the family that has an income—be it ever so small—setting apart as the Lord hath prospered him. Every church of twelve families self supporting! We have it. Money enough for new work! Every church of twenty-four families will support its minister, and also one home missionary in a destitute place! Every church of thirty-six families may support, besides its minister, a home missionary and a foreign missionary! Aren't we glad the Lord has made for us a plan so plain and easy and effective—for *consecrated* families. For let us not forget that consecration is the first and last requisite in this business—consecration working on the Lord's plan, or it may be, begetting a plan; for it is not certain that the Lord designed the tithe plan to be rigidly applied in every nation and age.

But consecration works continuously and by method. It does not throw out its gifts on impulse or by chance. It says this is the Lord's business, and conducts it in a business-like way. Let our churches adopt a system, whatever it may be, that is pervasive and continuous in its working, reaching out to every member of every family and operating every week in the year, and more churches will come to self-support this year than last; more money will be released for new work. This paying money once a year for the minister, and giving money once a year for home missions, and leaving these things out of mind the remainder of the time, is sufficient explanation of our dearth. In my first pastorate the people were subscribing generously, we thought, by the year for their minister. They received also $250 home missionary aid. The envelope plan was introduced with weekly subscription for every member of every family, and home missionary aid was a thing of the past. The payment of the whole was less a burden than the payment of the part. Of the ten churches that reached the $2 standard in home mission contribution the past year, seven were accustomed to make frequent—most of them quarterly—contributions, and I think it safe to say that if all our churches had made quarterly contributions, nothing would have been lacking of the $5,000 asked. One of our churches has made larger contributions year by year in proportion to its membership than any other—the church that meets in this house. It follows what is called the Harris plan—making an offering every Sunday for the Lord's work, to be divided among several departments of Christian effort.

We have indicated a way by which the new work that lies before us may be accomplished with less burden to our churches than they have borne the past year. Nearly two-thirds of our contributions were reported last year in the month of March—made up by a desperate struggle during the last days of the year. I exhort our own churches for their own comfort and the greater success of our work to "vote early and vote often"—in the contribution box. Especially it is desirable this year that our contributions should furnish a regular monthly income, for new enterprises will depend upon the gifts of the churches, and it were good to know how much money we have at command for these. Let us keep before us the standard of last year, each church making up by systematic giving at the rate of $2 per member on its list as numbered in the year book for 1890. The Woman's Missionary Societies will help largely to this end. They may inaugurate a plan for the regular ingathering of all this Home Missionary income. Let the $2 standard be attained this year, and we shall not mourn that, of many places calling for the gospel, all are sent empty away. Let it be attained year by year, and ere long our remaining desert land "shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

F.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

By Rev. D. H. Colcord.

One year ago the Association voted to introduce a custom approved by long experience in the New England Conferences and perhaps elsewhere, the grouping of the annual reports of the churches into one narrative. This I was asked to prepare and present.

I have hesitated to ask our hard-worked pastors for another report, but felt that facts fresh and additional to those given in the year-book were wanted to fitly represent the state of religion among us. A list of questions was sent out about April 1st, and I am grateful for the prompt and full response which came from many churches. Some facts have been directly gathered from all but three. I have also consulted the figures for the year-book of 1890.

My aim was to make soundings in seven places. Is the ship in the shoals, or on the high seas, speeding to the desired haven? It is for you to judge.

I. Public Worship.

My first sounding concerns public worship. Doubtless our pastors generally agree with the pastor at Riverside in relying most on "the usual means of grace" to develop the spirit of worship and service. When Isaiah had the vision of the thrice Holy One, he was fitted to be a messenger to others and was ready to go. The churches call the people to the regular service of public worship. They are called to a place in which through prayer and praise and the word the spiritual vision may grow clear, the hand of faith may touch the wounded hands and the benediction of peace and power qualify for Christly living and loving and hoping and serving. And this is the Christian religion.

Ten of the churches reporting have but one service of public worship on the Lord's Day, either because the community is small and the people scattered, or because the church shares with some other the same pastoral care. Five of these, like Poway, omit the evening service; five like Edgemont, that of the morning. In the others two regular services are held. Do the people worship? He knows who seeth in secret. The people come to the call. They take the attitude of worship. There is an average morning audience of 20 in our youngest sister, the Pilgrim church of De Luz. There are 600 gathered week by week in the Los Angeles 1st. Other audiences vary between these limits. But of old the Master revealed himself to the two at Emmaus as to the more than 500 brethren on the mount in Galilee. Evening audiences, with four exceptions, are smaller than the morning, varying from 25 to 400. Thirty-three churches report the figures of morning audiences making a total average of 3,942, an

average of 120 in each. The evening average is 92. It is safe to say that over 5,000 people each Sunday morning, nearly 4,000 each Sunday evening in the Congregational churches of Southern California are invited to come into the presence of Him, to know whom is eternal life.

As the pastor at Oceanside says of his church, it may be said of the churches: "There are sunlight and shadows enough to make us hope and trust." Saticoy on the last Sunday in March voted to disband. Halleck has been without a pastor, preaching services and prayer meeting, for six months. After several months of silence Santa Ana has resumed services, and "the people are united and enthusiastic and expect growth." San Diego, 1st, without a pastor for six months, finds its audience much reduced, but an unusual growth in some directions. Twenty-two churches report increased audiences. North Pasadena and Los Angeles 1st, find their new church homes an attractive force. The Eagle Rock pastor rejoices in "the excellent order and attention of the young people who often take notes of the sermon." Santa Barbara finds "the evening services increasingly well attended, with many young men present." Ventura reports a large gain in its evening audiences. Two churches of other denominations have been organized at San Jacinto, yet the Congregational pastor finds his audiences undiminished. Notwithstanding many removals the Vernondale congregation is as large as a year ago. The Highlands church notes a large increase in congregations. Brother Collins of Los Angeles 3d reports a demand for more chairs. Escondido has had to buy chairs twice and borrow more, with an audience increased from 15 to 110. San Bernardino 1st is glad in the presence of a pastor, courageous and earnest, since whose coming audiences have enlarged and faith also that the Lord's work will prosper. Pico Heights lost about half its members last September by the organization of a Methodist church; but took courage when its pastor, Rev. M. H. Wallace, was sent to them. His stay of seven months, and the one month's work of Mr. Uzzell, who dropped in the harness, built up the church, added twelve new members, increased congregations and secured a parsonage.

What is the character of the morning service? The pastor at Escondido pays special attention to the opening exercises, publishing each three months cards with responsive readings, hymns and prayers. Many churches plan to give the congregation an active part in the service of worship, and so to set before each soul the open door into the Holy of Holies. The evening service is more informal. One pastor characterizes his morning service as orthodox, the evening, heterodox; but he has forestalled investigation by defining the latter as "varied," "Missionary and Sunday school concerts," "The gospel in song," "A short gospel sermon," "More secular themes than are common in the earlier service," "Applied Christianity"—these are some of the means by which, through the evening service, the churches strive to save some and to say to manhood: "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole." Brethren, in the shoals or on the high seas?

II. Prayer Meeting.

My second sounding has to do with the mid-week prayer service. Moody has said that not the minister who can preach the best is most successful, but he who knows how to get his people together to pray. In three churches this weekly prayer meeting is not held. In 33 churches reporting figures, 926 are present. It is safe to estimate 1300 as the total number each week. Is there a prayer in each heart? Then it is a praying legion —more than 1000 prayers going up from our churches. Brethren, can we measure this spiritual force? Follow the rapt vision of John to the bowls of incense before the throne.

Westminster finds it meeting, held at 2:30 p. m., rich in spiritual life. Buena Park reports many men present. Sierra Madre profitably observed passion week. Ventura reports special interest in its prayer meeting, with a gain of 30 in numbers.

Most of the churches seek to train thought and direct prayers to specific ends by the use of topics previously announced. Eleven churches have those in the Congregationalist's Hand-Book; four, those of the Advance; six, the Sunday School lesson. Plymouth, Los Angeles, takes the subject of the preceding Sunday's sermon. The Vernondale church devotes the first prayer meeting each month to the interests of the Sunday school and the young. Since January the Santa Barbara church has taken up the continuous study of the book of Romans.

"The meetings are like a family circle" says the Eagle Rock pastor. "Informal and conversational" say several. The Pomona pastor adds "three or four are generally invited beforehand to speak." "We have no stereotyped order" writes the pastor at Long Beach, "We speak and sing and pray as the Spirit directs; and there are evident results in growth in knowledge of Scripture and truth, and improvement in spirit and life." Brother Field of Olivet, Los Angeles, finds "a gradual growth in utterance and interest." His Christian Endeavorers hold their meeting with the mid-week church meetings, alternating leaders. The Los Angeles 1st has fifteen or twenty minutes spent socially after the benediction. At South Riverside, before the close of the meeting the pastor calls upon all to rise while he leads in a short prayer. Many follow with brief petitions, even the children. Does not He who recognized in the press one touch of faith, and replied by healing, say week by week "somebody touched me"?

III. Revivals.

Shall we sound again, and learn if in our revival interest our churches are in the shoals or on the high seas? Dr. Austin Phelps somewhere calls attention to God's law of progressive impulsion in spiritual things as in the world of nature. A period for accumulating force is followed by a period of activity, and then the same order is repeated. Happy the church and blessed the pastor with whom accumulation is so rapid that activity seems constant. With these conversions will continue through the year. Confessions of faith will be made at each communion.

Pasadena 1st speaks of a steady Christian interest, with some entering the church by confession at each communion. So it is at Riverside and Vernondale and National City, with one exception. So it is at Pomona where there have been 25 or 30 conversions during the year. In Ventura six Chinamen have united with the church who are sound and earnest in the faith.

Special services have been held in several churches with good results, with the aid of Evangelists Crawford and Bickford, whose work God has honored. The church at South Riverside has been quickened, and a work among the children is most promising. In San Jacinto several were converted. Twenty have joined the church within the year. Park, Los Angeles, reports 25 sound, hopeful conversions. Three series of special meetings in Los Angeles 3d have added 34 to that church, beside others who joined elsewhere. Highlands added 23 on confession. Westminster and Compton have just had series of meetings of great power, and continued good results are looked for. Perris found a blessing in special services, and—"best of all"—the pastor writes, "the spirit remains." During the year 1889, 413 united with our churches on confession, 644 by letter, 1,057 in all. Beloved, these messages are martial strains from the battle-field—yes, the music of victory. God longs to bestow upon us the strength of His omnipotence, the beauty of His holiness. No prayers are needed to make Him willing to give. Many may be needed to make us willing to receive the fullness in His down-reaching hands. "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it."

IV. Sunday Schools.

My fourth sounding concerns the church in the Sunday school. In 1781, in Gloucester, God gave to Robert Raikes the Sunday school idea of his age. It was to rescue from the immoralities of street sports neglected factory children. After 50 years the idea was to train children for Christianity. The Sunday school was the nursery of the church. Another 50 years, and we begin to see that the Sunday school is the church with the Book, the church in its teaching function. Should not Dr. Dunning's words be our motto, "The church in the Sunday school, the Sunday school in the church, and everybody in both?"

Halleck has dropped its church service and prayer-meeting. Its Sunday school still lives. San Diego 1st, with no settled pastor, finds its school on the gain. The teachers invite their classes to their homes, and mutual interest is enlarged. They hold a monthly business meeting, which is well attended, and have a weekly Bible study meeting. San Miguel feels that it owes much to an efficient superintendent, working teachers, interested scholars. In the revivals in Los Angeles 3d much effective personal work was done by the teachers. Highlands commends the regularity of its teachers and offers a Bible to primary and intermediate scholars who attend 52 Sundays. Pomona has many adults and a large number of young men. Los Angeles Park, strictly adheres to an exact time table and enlarges its amount of work. The pastor at Nordhoff gives a five minutes summary of

the lesson. In Saticoy and Perris all the children attend the preaching service. At Ontario the pastor notes increased church attendance of the children since giving out, last Children's Day books for recording texts. Fifty nickels given to his scholars for investment returned $30. During the year the Monrovia school has made two investments of nickels, reporting $15 at Thanksgiving for the Sunday School Society, and nearly $20 at the Easter concert for its library. Several churches have more than one school under their care, and witness thereby to the importance of Sunday school work. In a church council in the early days of the Reformation the chair of state was occupied not by a robed and titled ecclesiastic, but by an open Bible! May nothing ever usurp its place in the church!

V. Special Work.

My fifth question was to gain soundings among the outreaching Christian activities. Are the Congregational churches of Southern California alive to applied Christianity?

1. They are seeking to train the young for Christ. There are at least twenty-six societies of Christian Endeavor in our churches, beside several bands of hope, a society for improvement of the young, and a large number of mission bands. South Riverside has a Pansy society, and the children have a weekly prayer meeting, assisted only by the pastor. The Highlands church finds its young people's society of great help. The message from De Luz is: "We are few and feeble, but there is some life in us and we expect to grow. We intend to observe Children's Day." In Los Angeles 3d a weekly children's prayer meeting is held. A militia company of boys has been formed—thirty-seven in line. Conditions of membership are: No tobacco in any form, no profanity, membership in Sunday school and regular attendance there and at least at one church service each week.

2. They are doing something for the relief of the poor and sick. Aside from pastoral visits and incidental aid, six churches report organized effort. In San Diego 1st a fellowship offering is taken at each communion, distributed under direction of the deacons; in Highlands the same. Los Angeles 1st devotes its communion collection to benevolence and missions, and has three deaconesses. Pomona has a chapter of the "Children of the King," for visiting the sick, which has done much good service. At Perris the deacons and their wives and three ladies form a relief committee. The ladies of Eagle Rock visit hospitals, jails and the orphan asylum distribute flowers and food and read the Word. Santa Barbara has a jail visitor.

3. The churches are striving to answer the question: How shall we win the unchurched? "Visitation. It tells and it pays," writes the Vernondale pastor. "House to house visits and free socials" are the words from Los Angeles 3d. Others canvass the town by districts and see

that every household is visited and invited to the church preferred. The Mt. Vernon church, of West San Bernardino, is largely among railroad men and their families. It sustains two Sunday schools and two societies of Christian Endeavor, and is moving toward a church building. Morning services, a Sunday school and mid-week prayer meeting have been continued in the Lugonia church building, from which the Redlands church removed four months ago. Sixty and upwards in the morning audience, an average of forty in Sunday school, and twelve at the mid-week prayer meeting are items of interest.

4. Four new churches have been organized: De Luz, Avalon, Ballena, and Jamul. When Mr. Uzzell landed at Avalon, Catalina Island, May 21, 1889, he found a Sunday school of twelve or fifteen members, which was organized the year before by a Christian woman. This speedily grew into a school of one hundred. Preaching services and prayer meetings were held through the summer in a large tent. Many rose for prayers. It was voted to call a council and organize a church. Among the converts was a sea captain noted for his wickedness. It was a most impressive service when he, with seven others, were baptized in the sea. A young people's meeting was held and a mid-week prayer meeting, a building for the church was planned, a collection taken, lots were donated, two hundred dollars received from the Union, and an organ was given by the First Congregational church of Oakland. When the council met it received a church of fifteen members; and on Aug. 21st, just three months after Mr. Uzzell's landing, a building seating 300 was dedicated free of debt. About one-half of the church members remained through the winter, and have held a weekly meeting and an occasional preaching service.

5. Some attempt is made to circulate religious literature. Several pastors distribute their own papers regularly. Others secure clubs for the Golden Rule, Christian Union, the Advance, Independent and Pacific. National City supplies a railroad reading box and sends papers to a Sunday school in Alabama.

6. The missionary interest is growing. Concerts are regularly held by eight churches, occasionally by many more. The Santa Barbara Sunday school gave $89 toward the running expenses of the Morning Star, the proceeds of $4 given out by the Superintendent in nickels and invested for the cause. San Diego 2d in 1888 gave $15 to Home Missions; in 1889, $125. Three Chinese Sunday schools are reported; one under the care of Los Angeles 1st; one at Ventura, and one worked by Pasadena 1st, which also has a Chinese evening school. The Redlands church has a day school for the Indians.

7. Of organized reform work little is reported, though doubtless other pastors can say with pastor Burr of San Jacinto, "Temperance, Sabbath Reform, and Social Purity are terms frequently heard, especially in our Sunday evening service." Beloved, are we on the high seas or amongst the shoals?

VI. Finances.

My sixth sounding concerns finances. You recall the time-honored story of a candidate for baptism, who asked as he was about to be immersed that he might get his pocket book and have that baptized too. Churches may show the presence or absence of a Christian leaven by their financial method or lack of it. A deacon in San Diego 1st,—a business man—writes his judgment that the voluntary offering is the true system. "Make plans carefully," he says. "Follow them up persistently. Plans should be settled on at the beginning of the year and adhered to. Trustees and the financial committee should keep a careful watch, occasionally inform the church as to the amounts needed, and hold meetings regularly." The pastor at Nordhoff suggests that "the poor should have the gospel preached to them without too keen a sense of buying it." This system of voluntary weekly offerings is used in almost all of our churches, though in one or two cases it is combined with pew rentals. At Perris the Ladies' Aid Society raises nearly half of all expenses. "Dull times," writes one, "but the salary paid up." "Finances kept up, though with more effort than usual," writes another. The common thought is that the voluntary weekly offering is the best system. May God's ownership of all the world and man's stewardship be soon recognized both in the church and out of it.

VII. Incidents of Interest.

My last sounding was for interesting incidents. Poway is glad in the gift of a fine church lot. Some time it will have its building. Sierra Madre has laid foundations for a church building. Church homes or chapels have been built by Los Angeles 1st; Pasadena North; Santa Barbara, Redlands, Avalon and Villa Park. West End, Los Angeles, began the year in a rough board building. The outside has been covered with rustic, the inside with cloth and paper. Doors and windows have been cased. One brother has made a pulpit. A sister collected money for a pulpit lamp and chair, and more chairs have been needed for the Snnday school. Pomona is "trying to be all at it and always at it," and as ever I'll try is accomplishing wonders. Ontario has assumed self-support under difficult circumstances, the Highlands church also. Perris, practically a union church of all denominations on a Congregational basis, is "a beautiful example of Christian unity and love. It has solved the problem of comity in Perris." The Long Beach pastor has been gladdened by letters from strangers, who have received comfort and inspiration from attending his services; by expressions of desire to attain a higher and nobler life; evidences of quickened thought and conscience in many; by a kindly and helpful spirit being more manifest.

Let me give in closing a word from the pastor of San Diego 2d, telling of the remarkable development of a Christian life. He was an old man of over 70 years. From a hardened life he has been led into the kingdom as a little child, and now surprises his fellow-Christians by his growth in

grace and knowledge of Christ through constant and loving study of the word.

Brothers and sisters, are we amongst the shoals or on the high seas? Let there be faith and courage along these lines of devotion and service,

"Till the sun grows cold,
And the stars are old,
And the leaves in the Judgment
Book unfold."

And in God's own time, these ships, one and all, shall be at the desired haven.

"Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught
Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain.
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises. —What are men?"

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*CHURCH FELLOWSHIP — WHAT DOES IT MEAN AMONG CONGREGATIONALISTS?

It means all it means in the way of fellowship between churches in other denominations; and it means a great deal more than in any other denomination except such as have the same polity.

I. Let us then briefly glance at it in this general aspect, simply as fellowship between sister churches, before we consider its distinctive use in our polity.

(a). Fellowship is certainly a *blessed* principle in itself. Churches which cherish fellowship toward one another, which have the interplay of confidence, love and devotion which this implies, no matter what the principles of organization which bind them together, are in a happy state. Jealousies and rivalries are extinguished. They take pleasure in one another's prosperity. They constitute a loving sisterhood.

(b). Such a condition, moreover, illustrates the spirit of the *kingdom of Christ*. There may be, indeed, fellowship on a lower ground; as, in persecution, in putting down heresy, in making proselytes, pushing a creed or a polity. But these are counterfeits. True church fellowship—the only kind I have in mind—is around Christ and breathes the spirit of the Gospel. Dead churches have it not, false churches have other ambitions,

* This paper has been prepared as a *family* paper, with the confidences and the frankness intended only for the family ear. If there are persons of other families present, lest they should be overmuch troubled by anything said, the writer wishes to say that he confesses that they all have special things which they congratulate themselves for in their private family talks which seem to them equally to their advantage; and he commends them to a recollection of this for their comfort now.—J. E. D.

This paper is understood to have been the last literary work of its author. When it became evident that on account of his sickness he could not come and present in person the paper announced for him in program of Association, with characteristic fidelity to his obligations he sent it to be read by another. Soon after he had prepared it for the press he expressed himself as having finished his work. It was read in Association May 15th. He died June 7th, 1890, in the seventieth year of his age.—J. T. F.

wayward churches are chasing mirages. Churches that see in one another the face of Christ, and join hearts, bring down heaven on earth.

(c). Again fellowship is a great *power*, as thus witnessed. Its presence is a divine touch thrilling the world. No one can witness the spectacle without being moved by it. The moral power of a single Christly church is great; that of a group of Christly churches many times greater; and the moral power of such a group illustrating the celestial quality of fellowship through a denomination inconceivably greater still. Fellowshipping churches are in the eyes of men the march of a massed army; unfellowshipping, the mere demonstration of individual scouts.

Congregational churches share in all these general advantages of fellowship as much as any other denomination. And naturally more than the compact denominations because thrown more upon them in their intercourse. The compact denominations are held together by other powers, and are thus kept in common march and rythm. Yet often, the absorption of interest in those powers and the friction resulting from them, arrest fellowship.

Congregationalists, on the other hand, depend on fellowship for their denominational existence, and so cultivate it.

II. Fellowship, therefore, plays a much more prominent part in Congregationalism than the general advantages of it which I have named. It is our *organizing principle.*

But before speaking of it in this way, as the organizing or structural principle binding our churches together, I wish to call attention to the position it really holds in the individual church—a unique point and generally overlooked.

We speak of the *self-government* of the Congregational Church. This term, if applied in a loose, popular sense, is proper enough, but, strictly, it is inapplicable. The principle of *government* is a very modified principle in our churches. It is not *government* at all. There is no absolute governing power lodged anywhere in them—in the pastor, the officers, the majority, the Church. We say "the majority rules," and it does, but it is not because it has a *right* to *rule.* In ruling, in the Congregational way, the Church does not govern the minority, or even the members voting with it, or itself. But it expresses in this way the mind of the great number, and all have agreed to accept that as settling the course to be pursued. It is really a system of fellowship, voiced by majorities, but to be voluntarily followed by all. Nobody is governed. All govern themselves, but in the methods and within the bounds of the expressed opinion of the majority.

To particularize:—The *doctrine* of the church is not imposed on the members; it is a fellowship of doctrine. The *Officers* are not clothed with authority, but represent and serve a fellowship. *Discipline* is a helpful or corrective procedure, not a judicial process. Aggressive movements are the output of commou counsels and devotion, not the result of ecclesiastical orders.

This overlooked idea of fellowship in the individual church accounts for

many things in Congregationalism, distinguishing it from the authoritative denominations; as, the freedom and individuality of thought it encourages; the impossibility of cramping Congregationalists in a narrow denominational spirit; their readiness to give freely to outside Christian objects; and the ease with which our ministers and laymen, not realizing the difference between a system of fellowship and one of authority till it is too late, go into other folds.

Congregationalists, thus, are nowhere *governed*, either in the separate church or in the sisterhood. Nowhere; never. The idea is absolutely foreign to them. They have never had a taste of that experience. They are familiar in the church with the restrictions of fellowship. They have proposed measures that did not carry. They have been with majorities and minorities, in reference to policies, doctrines and men. But only Christ and his word and their own self-hood govern them. Theirs is a polity of fellowship even in the single church, not of government.

But fellowship is our *organizing denominational principle*. We are now prepared to consider its position and influence, as such a principle, in uniting the churches and making a sisterhood of them. In our economy this is the mystic wand that, moved among them, groups them together and makes of them one body. It is our only denominational organizing principle. It is not constitutions that bind our churches together, or laws, or resolutions, or creeds, or traditions, or heredity, or any ecclesiastical power; only the mystic bonds of fellowship, as soft as silk, as strong as iron, as invisible as light. When a church decides to be a Congregational church, it takes on itself, without waiting for hint or spur from anyone else, to illustrate the law of love towards other Congregational churches. It accepts the principle of mutual helpfulness—puts itself on the methods and within the limits of that principle. It says, "I will be a sister with sisters, and fulfill all the sisterly offices. I recognize no superior—to hold me up to this—but the unseen Taskmaster. I do it voluntarily. It shall come about, but by my own virtue and sense of honor."

When a church comes with this spirit, and knocks, and the sisterhood lets her in, recognizing her sisterly qualities, it is a regular Congregational church, and as long as it retains this spirit, it remains so. If at any future time it should abandon the law of love and helpfulness, and seek only its own things, it would break the invisible bond binding it to the others, and it would cease to be a Congregational church in reality, whatever it might be in name. It is no longer of us. "They went out from us, but they were not of us." By that act it shows that it is destitute of our distinguishing quality; and that is the end of it, in the sisterhood.

That is the way Congregational churches begin; and that is the way they continue. It is putting themselves down in love and helpfulness toward one another. It is a system in which it is left to the voluntary disposition of each church to discharge its duties to the others. It is a system of spontaneity, autonomy, self-devotion, unenforced loyalty.

You see, then, that Congregationalism assumes as conditions of its

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No such educational power passes over the line of churches joined together ecclesiastically as some great physical organism, and comes to the individual church. What comes to it, in such cases, is a decree, a deliverance, a rule; and it comes with authority. It is something about which it has no option, and it is unprofitable to have an opinion. It must be obeyed. That is the beginning and end of the matter. Such things are likely to come with a thud, not as a hand-shake; and there is little value in them as a training agency in the higher attainments of church life, only in securing instant unity of denominational movement and massing material force. In systems which depend so much on organization, and in which the thought is so much absorbed on that and the parties working it, there is little room for the play of the quickening divine forces of reciprocal love. Pulses of human authority beat along the articulated line, not the spiritual forces of the Gospel. And the churches under the sway of such influences alone grow up into the measure of the stature of the fullness of the denomination, rather than of Christ. Other influences may counteract this natural drift, but this is the tendency of the polity.

Fellowship, then, which is the organizing principle of the Congregational sisterhood, is a high principle, well out towards Christ, and making large demands on piety and wisdom, but which, while gentle and amiable is potent, greatly helpful and educational, and quickly lifting up those on a lower plane, who adopt it and have fair opportunities, to the Congregational strain.

We are now prepared to take this principle and trace some of its actual workings in binding the churches together.

Before considering its more positive and demonstrative forms—its definite precedents and traveled highways—let us consider its brooding spirit. We want to see what this principle with which we are dealing is, in itself, in its ideal quality. We want to see it lapping the churches around with its mystic power, drawing them together and making them one, in ways too subtle to be catalogued, too effective to be denied. It is like an atmosphere charged with an extra amount of oxygen or electricity, which you do not see, but whose silent effects are felt by every living thing.

The invisible element, the uncatalogued element, in the domestic love of a happy home, is the atmosphere of it, the thousand nameless things, the gentle attentions, the thoughtful anticipations, the unwearied devotion, the radiated rather than expressed love; and this counts up in the happiness of the home far more than the catalogued element, the good-night kisses, the good-morning salutations, and the regular discharge of domestic duty.

So when fellowship throws its mystic influence over the churches, it tempers and adjusts their feelings and conduct towards one another, shaping all and toning all; and this is the elixir of their relationship.

Other things are the utilities; this radiated love, this kindly glance, this cordial hand-shake, this warm heart-beat, known to be throbbing in sympathy, though the mouth be dumb—this is bliss. It works with the gentleness of light, the certainty of gravitation, the subtilty of electric forces; but it works always helpfully, stimulatingly, to fulfill the law of Christ.

For the denomination that puts itself on this principle does not suspend its existence on a sentiment or an impulse having a human origin, but on a sentiment and an impulse originating in Christ. Christ is the living, active source of true fellowship; and the churches, receiving it from him, extend it to one another. The earth and the planets keep in their orbits under the unseen attraction of the sun, each true to the system, under that mighty central spell. So the churches keep in their sisterly places and discharge their duties under the influence of this principle coming from Christ.

But to depict or suggest all the play of its kindly operations and beneficent offices would be to show all the ways in which the light of the sun touches and helps living things in the animal world and the landscape about us.

If, however, I were to take you to a place where you could catch a breath of the quality of fellowship in Congregational churches, in distinction from that in authoritative systems, I would select the regular meetings of their delegates in the state and local associations or conferences, or the National Council. In any of these meetings, the subtle aroma of fellowship fills the air like the perfume from a bed of violets, or from an orange grove in blossom. It is this that makes our meetings, on such occasions, so delightful. There are no rivalries, no animosities, no prizes for personal ambition, no struggles for leadership, no wrangling about legislative measures, judicial decisions, questions of discipline. All these issues are ruled out; and the questions are questions of excitation, advice, fellowship. Any one who steps out of our meetings into one in which the hot issues of authority are waged sees at once the painful contrast. He has gone from the communion of brothers, to the contests and heat of partisans. If there is just as much fraternal feeling in the members when they come together, their business does not permit a display of it. does not cultivate it, is not calculated to lift them all up into spiritual unity around Christ, and to dismiss them in a glow of love.

While, therefore, fellowship lies among the churches like sunshine in the lap of spring, reviving and quickening everything, regulating all their intercourse with the sweet grace of love where it has its proper sway, there are certain formal, historical methods of its application which have become common law. They have reached this dignity from their great utility and frequent use. Usage, here as elsewhere, crystallizes into a kind of law. It is very different, however, from Presbyterian, Episcopalian or Methodist denominational law. It is flexible, elastic, fluid, advisory, without absolute grip or rigidity. Yet, as I have said, it is attended with a mighty expecta-

tion, which is effective. It is simply the Congregational way of getting the proper things done voluntarily.

Coming to these crystallized forms of church fellowship, we find ourselves on the beaten track of Congregationalism and amidst familiar sights. We can hurry our pace. We notice the following:

I. Councils.

These are called substantially for two reasons: To give advice and help in reference to organizing a church, or settling or dismissing a pastor, or in reference to the adjustment of some difficulty. The underlying idea in these cases is, that the question about which help is asked is one which really involves the welfare of the denomination. This is obvious in relation to organizing a church or settling a pastor; for they are to be constituent parts of Congregationalism in the region; and the other churches have a vital interest in the kind of men and churches coming into their ranks to take part with them in the current Congregational movement. Their good name is at stake, their comfort, their prosperity, the good of the cause. Especially is this true in reference to the settlement of a minister. From the time the church in Salem, in 1629, invited the church in Plymouth to be present by their representatives at the settlement of Mr. Skelton as their pastor and Mr. Higginson as their teacher, down to the present, the Congregational churches by a quick instinct have seen and felt the fitness of calling a council to advise them on matters of such vital common concern.

But while a council to settle a minister springs up as a *due* of fellowship, it is also, in the case of all worthy candidates, a privilege. It enables the new pastor to take his place in the untried field, at once, with the grand moral backing of experts. Well-furnished, symmetrical men, true men, do not shrink from such an introduction. Moreover, it is this practice, where regularly continued, that has done more than any other device of Congregationalism to make our ministers at once sound in the faith and evangelical in spirit, comparing favorably in these respects with those of any other denomination. It is a suspicious circumstance when a pastor elect declines to have the case submitted to a council.

In the case of difficulty, of such magnitude that the church cannot, or will not, settle it, a council may be called—the two parties uniting in the call, a Mutual Council; one only issuing the call, and the other refusing, an Ex-parte Council.

Congregationalism is jealous of the rights of minorities and individuals; and the Ex-parte Council is the means it has adopted for guarding their rights. Here the appeal is made from an alleged neglectful or tyrannizing majority, to the sense of justice and fairness of the disinterested churches. In this way no church, however strong or influential, can tyrannize over a single weak brother without the liability of having its sin thrown in its face from the reflecting conscience and judgment of sister churches. The practice of having councils makes our churches contrast favorably with

the Baptist churches, which rarely have them. Practically the council represses extreme individualism. Our Baptist friends have no fixed denominational arrangements for holding this in check—nothing but the diffused, unapplied Christian sentiment—nothing which they can bring to bear to heal quarrels and prevent the unnecessary multiplication of churches. The very certainty that such issues may be passed on by cool, disinterested advisers arrests local heat and passion.

Moreover the principle of fellowship, hovering unconsciously in our atmosphere and exerting its ubiquitous influence, is ever on guard to prevent the undue rise of impracticable self-will, in a way that our neighbors of the same polity, know nothing of.

II. Representative Meetings.

These are local Associations or Conferences, General Associations or Conferences, and the National Council. The fundamental idea of these bodies is church fellowship, not the fellowship merely of the delegates. The object is to promote the fellowship of the churches. They are the outcome of this fellowship. Their business is the expressing of this fellowship. Their purpose is to promote it. Nothing further than this was possible according to the original historical conception. Of late, however, the churches of Michigan have made a radical departure. The General Association of that State is legally incorporated and has certain authoritative functions. It has a board of trustees composed of one from each local association, and six at large. These trustees act for the churches in aiding Sabbath schools and churches, building houses of worship, relieving needy ministers, collecting results of councils, and other things favoring the common interests of the churches. The principle is the principle of the centralized denominations, let in at the thin end, and abandons the heritage of the freedom and autonomy of the individual church, for which our fathers struggled for two centuries and a half.

It will be interesting to watch this experiment, but painful to imitate it; for our polity goes on the theory that no authoritative power over the churches can be exercised by the representative bodies. Yet in their normal action these meetings are a mighty power in unifying, cementing and advancing the denomination, doing their work by reports, discussions, resolutions, by incitement, by arousement, by kindling fires on central altars till the flames spread and wrap all the churches in a common glow.

So great, however, is this moral power that individuals who have never breathed the air of Michigan—there have always been such men, and I presume always will be—want to go a step further, and have them do something positive and final for the denomination. "It would be so easy here to do something that needs to be done, for the churches. We have these representatives; they are constructively all here. Why not, here and now, do this bit of work for them—make a creed, settle their relation to the missionary boards, do a nice job of legislation, and save the endless bother of waiting on the churches?"

This is incipient Presbyterianism. Congregationalists need to be jealous of their birth-right: The autonomy of the individual church, the fellowship of the churches, the bond of their union. When a national council or a state body presumes to act decisively and finally for the churches, it is as much a stretch of Congregational principle as it is for the pastor to act in such a way for the single church. Nothing can be properly done by a representative body or a pastor, but what has been specifically delegated in form or by implication. The only seat of authority, even in the modified Congregational sense, is in the churches in their separate capacity.

III. Assisting Churches.

This may be by gifts of members or money. This is a generous and considerate way of helping sister churches if they need it, and the Golden Rule suggests it. To act on a policy of withholding such aid under the circumstances is a breach of church fellowship. And observe, the aid in such cases is given in an out-handed way—outright—in no manner holding on to the gift and sharing in the continued management of it. This is our Congregational way—giving our best gifts, our valued members living near and naturally belonging to the other church, and our money, and forever vacating any claim to assist in administering the gift subsequently, committing that totally and absolutely to the aided church, within the limits of the object.

Thus our churches exhibit a true fellowship, and yet respect the perfect self-hood and autonomy of one another, girding the aided church with strength and love at the same time.

IV. Aiding Congregational Institutions and Enterprises.

We have many academies, colleges, seminaries, benevolent societies, founded and maintained solely for the service of Christ. They are Congregational in general character and movement. They are manned by our men. They are conducted by our methods. They breathe our spirit. They are the output of our life. They mainly depend on us for support and efficiency.

Now, when our churches give to them men or money, they join hands with one another. When your church takes up a collection for our seminary or sends one of its sons to it, it enters into the mystic fraternity back of it, putting life into it. It joins the circle that touches hands in sustaining it. It stands side by side with the other churches doing the same thing—one of a goodly fellowship. So, of all our institutions and enterprises. It makes no difference about its being true and genuine church fellowship, that here, too, as in aiding a church, the gift carries with it no claim of right to control; that it is made out of hand; and that that is the end of the responsibility of the giver, and the beginning of the responsibility of the receiver. This, here, also, is our way. The fellowship does not lessen between our churches that stand together in warm clasp of hand under our institutions and enterprises, because they do not loosen their

hands and reach up and take hold of the management. Management is not necessary to fellowship, to the common heart-beats of love and sympathy. When children and grandchildren come pouring into grandfather's on Thanksgiving day, it does not lessen the blessed communion that they do not share in the responsibility of planning for the occasion and getting things ready. Here, then, in the blessedness of giving to our objects, is a method of most real and effective church fellowship. To realize it and have the full benefit of it, the giving should be by churches —with church prayers, sympathies and presentations—with the church heart all aglow in the direction of the object. In this way our churches would be brought very close together in spiritual and substantial union.

Such are the principles and some of the methods of church fellowship among us. If this spirit were perfectly carried out, the relations of the Congregational churches to one another would be, indeed, heavenly.

Why is it not? The general answer, of course, must be, the want of a heavenly spirit in the churches. The level of fellowship can rise no higher among them than the level of piety. But I wish to mention a few special reasons, that might be avoided, which keep this level lower than it ought to be.

(a). The first is the undue prominence attached to itself, in some cases, by *the local church*. It is a want of community feeling, and may originate with the pastor or the church. It is in the church self-absorption, self-enlargement, indifference to outside interests. This spirit may be manifested in a large church with metropolitan ambitions, in a city; or in a small church, in the country, struggling for life. Wherever it exists it is the same quality. It is indifference to others—all eyes looking to the home work, all hands drawing in to the central altar. While the quality is the same in the large church as in the small one, the evil is slight and inconspicuous in the small one; for its opportunities of fraternity are few. But in the large one the opportunities are many and the influence of the absorbing passion for self-aggrandizement, conspicuous and damaging. Here the one aim is to make itself colossal and strong, regarding this as the best way in which it can fulfill its mission. There is no attempt to carry up Christ's kingdom jointly by harmonious co-operation with others, and consulting the general good. It would build a monumental church; but it chooses for its kind of monument a needle, an Eiffel, resting on its own lot, not a pyramid, a Cheops, resting on the broad acres of the denomination. This spirit counteracts the Congregational principle, and arrests its progress and lovely fruits, even though it may now and then make a generous largess in money, which does not fulfill the grace urged by the apostle: "The *fellowship* of the ministering to the saints."

(b.) *Inertia* is another obstacle. There are churches and pastors, not a few, that are not devoid of generous sentiments towards the interests of our order, but they are latent. When it comes to opportunities to put them in practice, they are sentiments still, not deeds. These churches are not represented at meetings of Association and Conference. They do not ap-

pear at councils when invited. Everything must be favorable and easy to enable their good feeling to find expression. They attend to their own affairs and let the interests of the denomination take care of themselves. Fellowship is not outraged as in the previous case; it is neglected, for want of purpose, energy, self-sacrifice; for want of seeing the real divineness of its claims. God does not call his churches to cloister themselves, but to join the host that is going up to take the land.

(c.) *Isolation*, also, often interferes with expressions of this grace. It may not paralyze it, but it impedes its flow. A church out in the mountains, fifty miles from any sister church, too far away to have intercourse with others in a formal manner, may yet, by looking abroad, by reading the papers and by correspondence, keep itself informed on all that is going on, and in lively sympathy with it. A man hidden in a dark cave where he himself is invisible, looking out, can see distinctly those in the light in front of the cave, at a great distance. Persons on the frontier, looking to the centers of civilization, see much farther and more distinctly than those at the centers of civilization, looking towards the frontier. And our lonely church in the mountains, fifty miles away, may keep its eye on our city churches and know just how they are faring. On the other hand, a city church, by directing its special attention to the church in the mountains, keeping itself informed about it, touching it occasionally with the kindly touch of a helpful remembrance, may keep up on the other side, a true church fellowship, under difficulties. Still isolation impedes its flow. Particularly with our sparse population and great areas here on the Pacific coast, is this true. In some places the churches are not organized into active conferences or associations, or if organized, the meetings are rarely attended by lay delegates; and the expense of attending the General Association is so great that quite a number of churches every year are unrepresented by either pastor or layman.

It is to be hoped that there is far more of the spirit of fellowship than our churches have an opportunity of expressing. If so, the question may well be raised whether one good way of showing it would not be for the stronger churches to prepare a fund to enable the representatives of all to be present at the fellowship meetings. This would express our Congregational principle, and would create it. It would add a crowning bliss and fervor to our meetings, which would greatly increase their value. It would bind our churches together by bonds, material and strong, yet altogether free, voluntary and unecclesiastical. It would help them to rise in their simple Congregational way to greater unity, enthusiasm and power, to bring this land to Christ.

Such is the uniting force of our churches. In its ideal it differs widely from the aggregating force of the Baptists, which is a denominational instinct, emphasizing a rite and the feeling of religious kindred. Congregationalism is not an aggregation—a mass thrown together, like a crowd on the 4th of July or some other public occasion, each in no close relation to the others except being near and sharing the common sentiment. It

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In Memoriam.

REV. CHARLES S. UZZELL.

The subject of this sketch was born in Jamestown, Ill., November 5, 1853, and died in Pico Heights, Los Angeles, Calif, May 5, 1890.

His name and blood came from the Hugenots—from France to England and from England to Virginia before the revolution. His great-grandfather and grandsire served in the wars of the revolution and of 1812.

Under the influence of a Quaker wife, the grandfather freed his slaves, and afterward removed from Virginia to Tennessee. The father came on to Illinois in the early days and died there when the subject of our sketch was but one year old. A widowed mother was left to struggle in poverty, with two babes to care for. Two years later she married again, and then after a short four years was a second time left a widow. For sixteen years she struggled single handed for the weal of her two boys, bringing them forward to man's estate in surroundings not very helpful. Many years of toil were spent in opening a little farm and securing therefrom the necessaries of life. Educational advantages were meagre, and between the lack of opportunity, constant toil on the farm and the lack of incentives, our brother went without even the rudiments of an education until 18 years of age.

The paternal ancestors were for generations religious men of the earnest and enthusiastic type of Methodists, which furnished the vanguard of church workers during the first half of this century.

The mother (who still tarries among us), from childhood devoutly religious, possessing an indomitable will, large practical sense, and unlimited faith in God, always kept with and for her boys an open Bible and burning family altar.

Yet, as might be expected, conversion came to our brother in the expressive way which was experienced by Saul of Tarsus. In the old log school-house revival meetings the radical change occurred and his choice of the ministry was made.

The way was not "open" to obtain an education for the ministry, hence it must be made. Obeying the call of God, our brother gathered the corn, housed the implements, corralled the cattle, closed the autumn farm work and leaving the account books in the widowed mother's hands, bade her good-bye and followed his only and older brother to Greencastle, Ind., to begin studying for the ministry. At 19 years of age he began in the primary department of the public school. In two years was ready to enter

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STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1889.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Families
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	Dc.	To	Ad.	Inf.	
Avalon	1889	Mrs. S. A. Wheeler.	Geo Morris.	'60	'90	9	6	15	6	7	8	15	...	...	...	...	4	...	....
Ballena	1889	....	T J Wood, (*Bapt*)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Buena Park	1888	James A. Whitaker	Levi F. Bickford, *p*	'72	'88	8	9	17	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Carlsbad	1887	Frederick B. Barnes	Jesse D Foster, *p*.	'73	'89	4	10	14	7	2	....	2	....	1	....	1	....	....	10
Compton.	1888	Mrs. Emma Birge	Harvey Jones, *p*	'55	'88	12	19	31	7	1	6	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	21
DeLuz.	1880	Fred. H. Orvis.	Henry N. Daniels, *p*.	'61	'89	4	5	9	....	1	8	9	....	....	....	....	1	....	10
Eagle Rock	1886	Milton Brown	Elijah Cash, *p*..	'78	'86	10	15	25	....	....	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	20
Edgemont	1886	Miss Loise Cash.	Elijah Cash, *p*	'78	'86	2	3	5	....	....	....	....	....	2	8	10	....	....	25
Escondido	1886	Mrs. Frances W. Sturges	Charles B. Carlisle, *p*	'87	'89	11	21	32	1	3	14	17	....	2	....	2	3	2	58
Halleck	1884	Mrs. H. W. Timmons.	Stephen Edwards, *p*	'85	'90	6	5	11	....	6	....	6	....	....	....	....	6	4	....
Highlands	1884	Miss Jennie R. Noyes	Alexander W Thompson, *p*.	'80	'89	17	28	45	....	11	7	18	....	5	....	5	6	....	41
Hyde Park	1888	F. B. Clark	F. A Field, *p*	'80	'89	5	7	12	4	....	....	....	1	2	....	3	....	....	....
Jamul	1890	Mrs. Emma Chesmen	Mac H. Wallace	'88	'90	7	9	16	....	9	7	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Long Beach	1888	W. W. Lowe.	R M. Webster, *p*	'67	'88	11	21	32	11	3	2	5	1	4	....	5	....	2	30
Los Angeles, 1st	1867	W. R. Blackman.	Robert G Hutchins, D D , *p*	'66	'88	168	259	427	96	37	54	91	3	35	....	38	24	5	200
" Park	1884	J. Mills Davies	Edward R. Brainerd, *p*	'84	'86	51	81	132	22	22	36	58	....	17	1	18	12	7	175
" Third..	1885	Fred. H. Tarrant.	John Henry Collins, *p*	'90	'89	12	23	35	8	12	10	22	....	8	2	10	3	....	....
" East	1887	W. Homer Kennedy..	Jeptha Howard Philips, *p*	'75	'87	98	104	202	7	75	22	97	....	9	....	9	38	1	200
" Plymouth	1888	C. W. Benedict	Andrew J. Wells, *p*	'70	'88	37	70	107	13	6	27	33	....	....	....	....	1	....	65
" Olivet	1888	Dr. T. J. McCoy.	Fred A. Field, *p*	'80	'88	18	24	42	5	2	7	9	....	2	....	2	3	4	20
" West End	1888	James Travis.	Elijah Cash, *p*	'78	'89	10	16	26	....	1	4	5	....	3	....	3	3	4	*25
Monrovia	1887	Franklin E. Perham	Daniel H. Colcord, *p*	'81	'87	17	30	47	8	4	13	17	....	10	....	10	3	6	45
National City	1881	Albert G. Adams	Edward D. Weage, *p*.	'84	'85	41	64	105	10	15	13	28	1	5	....	6	7	....	*90
Nordhoff.	1888	Gus. Sears Smith	Charles Selden Vaile, *p*	'82	'88	13	19	32	....	2	10	12	1	1	....	2	....	9	*55
Oceanside.	1885	G. V. Dodd	Jesse D. Foster, *p*	'74	'89	10	13	23	9	....	7	7	1	8	9	18	....	....	..12
Ontario	1885	Rev. Alfred E. Tracy.	Alfred E. Tracy, *p*	'72	'88	17	33	50	2	4	25	29	....	1	....	1	1	2	*56
Pasadena	1885	Deacon George A. Green...	Dexter D Hill, *p*	'69	'86	77	113	190	....	29	24	53	1	23	....	14	17	2	*.
Pasadena, North	1889	Henry T. Staats	Henry T Staats, *p*	'60	'89	5	14	19	....	6	3	19	....	....	....	....	3	....	*30
Perris	1887	Miss Kate Chandler	Charles Henry Davis, *p*.	'77	'87	20	23	43	2	9	14	23	....	....	1	1	3	2	*50
Pico Heights, Electric P.O.	1887	James S. Johnson.	Mac H. Wallace, *p*	'88	'89	17	21	38	8	11	11	22	....	47	1	48	3	....	40

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CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS.					ADMITTED		
Name.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Al	C	L	To
harles N. Stone	Lucian H. Frary, ϕ c	'69	'88	67	115	182	18	25	11	66
lams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, ϕ	'45	'88	12	15	27			6	6
S. McPherron	George Willett, ϕ	'78	'88	59	78	132	12	13	27	40
alter L. Koethen	Theodore C Hunt, ϕ c	'80	'85	81	134	215	15	13	30	43
thur Stoughton	Josiah H. Jenkins, ϕ c.	'65	'90	27	78	105	26	17	9	26
an M. Morris	William P Hardy, (Lic.)		'88	7	6	13			14	14
hur T. Snell	Ernest W. Shurtleff, ϕ		'89	36	83	119	21	15	14	29
d. A. Stephens				89	143	232	75	22	22	44
v. F. B. Perkins	Francis B. Perkins, ϕ	'60	'88	14	24	38	7	3	5	8
s. L. M. Ashenfelter	William N. Burr, ϕ	'88	'89	16	17	33	9	3	10	13
r. E. B. Tuthill	Edward B. Tuthill, ϕ	'60	'86	12	19	31	3	4	7	11
J Crookshank	Louis B. Voorhees, ϕ	'71	'89	15	35	50		2	52	54
. C. T. Weitzel	C. T. Weitzel, ϕ	'76	'86	58	100	158				

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y P S. C.E.	BENEVOLENCE.									
PLACE.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Mem.	Av'ge.	Ad. to Ch.	Ben'v. Contr.	Mem.	For-eign.	Ed'n	Chu'h Bldg.	Home Mis.	A. M. A.	S. S.	New West	Other	Total	Home Exp.
Avalon	Mrs. Sophia A. Wheeler	40	30	....	$10 32	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	$10 32	....	....	$10 32	$750 00
Ballena					.....									.....		
Buena Park	D. J. Young	50	40	...	10 00	.....	....	....	.....	$21 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	$21 25	.....
Carlshad	Frederick B. Barnes	30	22	....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	80	....	.....	5 80	$67 00
Compton	A. S. Yale	75	45	....	.....	....	....	.....	$2 50	35 00	.....	.....	....	.....	37 50	1950 00
DeLuz	H. M. Daniels	25	15	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Eagle Rock	P. W. Parker	50	40	...	3 50	18	.....	.....	.....	18 00	....	3 50	....	.....	21 50	225 00
Edgemont	E. N. S. Warn	40	30	.....			.....	.....	5 00	10 00	....	1 85	....	10 00	26 85	65 00
Escondido	Newton J. Rice, M. D.	80	65	....	5 00	30	.....	.....	..	16 25	....	....	....	.....	16 25	507 00
Halleck	Mrs. George North	40	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 45	13 65	....	.....	.....	.....	17 10	175 00
Highlands	Samuel H. Barrett	130	99	4	27 00	75	$11 20	....	6 20	18 00	....	.....	5 00	.....	40 40	439 00
Hyde Park	F. B. Clark	50	30	....	2 00	...	.....	.....	.....	10 45	.....	2 00	....	.....	12 45	200 00
Jamul	D. C. Maxfield	35	25	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Beach	W. W. Lowe	40	25	....	9 00	....	10 00	....	10 00	28 50	12 00	9 00	.....	7 00	71 50	1650 00
Los Angeles, 1st	Don. A. Judd	325	199	15	.....	75	168 00	.....	.....	100 00	...	40 27	....	634 24	942 51	7100 00
" Park	Deacon C. A. Jeffers	150	107	15	8 27	50	40 00	....	.....	51 75	....	5 20	....	28 00	124 95	1400 00
" Third	Geo. T. Hanly	200	125	3	.....	25	.....	.....	10 00	32 75	....	5 25	....	52 00	100 00	550 00
" East	D. Gilbert Dexter	250	140	30	65 00	...	.....	.....	73 00	25 00	....	18 00	....	125 00	241 00	4000 00
" Plymouth	Louis K. Webb	80	44	..	13 00	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00 00
" Olivet	L. Scofield	165	75				.....		.....	.....		.....	....	65 00	65 00	1120 00
" West End	Mrs. Wm. Carey	85	50	15	3 50	34	.....	.....	..	14 00	....	3 50	....	.....	17 50	300 00
Monrovia	Franklin E. Perham	75	46	4	16 75	20	.....	.....	....	75 00	...	16 75	.....	.....	91 75	1290 00
National City	Lorin Mudget	120	80	11	17 35	43	....	.....	11 00	84 40	31 00	34 55	...	.....	160 95	1053 00
Nordhoff	Frank P. Barrows	60	45	1	.....	..	25 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....	....	...	70 00	960 00
Oceanside	J. M. Martin	65	50	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	...	1 80	....	10 00	29 80	230 00
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OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

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General Association of California—Rev. C. G. E

NEXT MEETING.

Place and Time—East Los Angeles; Second Tu

Preacher, Rev. W. C. Merrill, Alternate, Rev. L

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches,

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston, June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall order. He shall receive the credentials an members. A Moderator, Assistant Modera then be elected.

2. Order of business.

The Association shall be opened by readi prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the curre mittee on Nominations, Committee on Busine

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. body. From the Treasurer. From Committee

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Tem ments for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Com terim of the meetings of this Association ma maining members of that committee.

4. Annual dues.

Annual dues shall be paid to this Associa belonging to it at the rate of seven cents

DECLARATION OF FAITH,

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled —like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers, that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, Commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; that the division of communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exa
and King; and in the Holy Comforter, wh
to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the con
of our race, and acknowledge that it is only t
plished by the life and expiatory death of Ch
are justified before God, receive the remissio
presence and grace of the Holy Comforter
power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visil
istry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Bapt
per, in the resurrection of the body, and in
issues of which are eternal life and everlastin

We receive these truths on the testimony
prophets and apostles, and in the life, the
resurrection of his Son, our Divine Redeemer
for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old a
which were composed by holy men as they
Ghost.

Affirming, now, our belief that those who th
Lord, one baptism," together constitute the o
several households of which, though called
the one body of Christ; and that these me
sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in
declare that we will co-operate with all who h
them we will carry the gospel into every par
them we will go into all the world, and "pre
creature." May He to whom "all power i
earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hop
alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING,

1891.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California met with the First Congregational Church in San Diego, Tuesday, May 12, at 2:30 P. M.

The Registrar called the meeting to order and read the names of ministers and delegates present. The roll was afterwards completed as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

S. Bristol.	Alanson Bixby.
J. T. Ford.	H. C. Abernethy.
John G. Hale.	L. C. Alvord.
Chas. H. Davis.	Wm. N. Burr.
Elijah Cash.	Alex. W. Thompson.
T. C. Hunt.	Isaac Goodell.
Edward D. Weage.	Chas. B. Carlisle.
Geo. A. Rawson.	Geo. P. Kimball.
L. H. Frary.	John H. Collins.
Chas. T. Weitzel.	Orange H. Spoor.
Edward R. Brainerd.	C. G. Baldwin.
E. E. P. Abbott.	Robert G. Hutchins.
Daniel H. Colcord.	James H. Harwood.
Dexter D. Hill.	J. A. Rogers.
Harvey Jones.	J. M. Schaefle.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

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Encinitas	Miss Nannie D. Ross
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Jamul	D. C. Maxfield
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	Mrs. R. M. Webster
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	Mrs. C. T. Hanson
Los Angeles, 3d	Geo. T. Hanly
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	Mrs. J. W. Parker
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Santa Monica	Mrs.
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	Mrs.
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DELEGATE FROM GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Rev. E. S. Williams.

INVITED TO SIT WITH THE ASSOCIATION AS HC

Rev. Isaac W. Atherton,	Rev. Plaffenl
Rev. R. G. Wallace,	Rev. A. B. M
Rev. T. W. Spanswick,	Rev. F. M. C
Rev. E. R. Wagner,	Rev. E. S. Cl

Rev. Dexter D. Hill was chosen Moderator; t Assistant Moderator; Rev. Edward D. Weage, Burr, Assistant Scribe.

Scripture was read and prayer offered by the Mo

A Nominating Committee was appointed, con Hunt, Prof. H. E. Storrs and Rev. E. Cash.

Then followed devotional meeting led by the Re

The Committee on Ministerial Relief reported, announcing the formation of a Minister's Relief Society.

TUESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Public religious services and annual sermon by the Rev. E. R. Brainerd. Text, 1st Cor. 13, 13.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer meeting, led by the Rev. Geo. A. Rawson.

In the absence of the Rev. H. P. Case through sickness, the interests of the Sabbath School work were presented by Rev. E. S. Williams and Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.

Rev. E. S. Williams then made report of the work of the American Congregational Union.

Later in the session the Committee on Resolutions presented the following concerning the work of the societies above named. It was voted that these resolutions be adopted.

Resolved, 1. That we extend to our beloved brother, Rev. H. P. Case, of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, and his family, our prayerful sympathy in his serious illness.

2. That while we deeply regret his enforced absence from our annual love-feast, we will not, because his voice is not heard among us, suffer our interest to languish in the cause so dear to his heart.

3. That as God seems to be answering our prayers for his restoration, we will ask from our respective churches a suitable thank offering for the society he serves.

Resolved, 1. That we have listened with peculiar interest to the inspiring report of Rev. E. S. Williams, Field Secretary of the American Congregational Union, and wish to express our grateful acknowledgement of his various and abundant labors in behalf of our churches.

2. That the genial, generous and catholic spirit of our brother has in the most effective way commended to us the cause he represents.

3. That we feel ourselves under profound obligations for the timely relief the Union has granted to so many of our churches, and that we recommend to all our churches—even to those most burdened with financial obligations—the taking of an annual collection for the Union.

A summary of the reports of the churches was presented by Rev. D. H. Colcord. [See Appendix B.]

The minutes of Association to this hour were read and approved; also the corrected roll.

The Committee on Temperance reported through Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Chairman. The report was adopted by rising vote.

The Committee on Nominations made report, nominating permanent committees as follows:

The Sunday School Committee reported thro the chairman of the committee being absent.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P.

After devotional services, the subject, "Publi was discussed in a paper by the Rev. C. B. Car M. Webster, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott and Rev. T addresses.

It was voted that the writer of the paper be r the same to the *Pacific* for publication.

A paper was read by Rev. D. D. Hill, entit with Cain?" The subject was further discussed l Rev. E. S. Williams.

It was voted that the writer be requested to fur to the press for publication.

Voted that the traveling expenses of members Committee, in attending its meetings, be paid fro ciation.

Voted to recommend that each church defray t its delegates to the annual meeting of this Associa

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WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Home Missionary Evening. A brief address w President of the Woman's Home Missionary U Secretary and Treasurer were read by Mrs. H. [See Appendix C.] Then follow[illegible]

yoking of fields that could be worked under a common pastor. In small communities, where trust funds of different denominations are being wasted in sustaining needless churches, we have sought to reduce expenditures by plans of Christian comity.

Your committee would request the missionaries of our society to duplicate their quarterly reports, sending one copy to the New York office, and the other to our Superintendent.

Voted to adopt the report.

Rev. Dr. Hutchins, as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we greatly rejoice in the effective co-operation of the women of our churches in our Home Missionary work, in the diffusion of intelligence, the fostering of enthusiasm, and the raising of funds; and that we will lend them our heartiest encouragement in their endeavors.

2. That we put on record our grateful appreciation of the services of our Superintendent, Rev. James T. Ford, whose perfect familiarity with Southern California, whose long experience in Home Missionary matters, whose conciliatory spirit and self sacrifice, and whose well-nigh unerring judgment render him invaluable to the society.

3. That we recommend that every one of our churches use its utmost endeavor to raise at least $2 per member for the Home Missionary Society.

THURSDAY, 8:45 A. M.

Half-hour prayer meeting led by Rev. J. G. Hale of Redlands.

Rev. C. G. Baldwin, President of Pomona College, read a paper on "Our College," and at the end made earnest presentation of an opportunity to increase the income of the college by the development of a water power now under the control of its friends.

Voted that a committee consisting of N. W. Blanchard of Santa Paula, Lyman Stewart of Ontario and C. C. Reynolds of Los Angeles be requested to ascertain facts concerning the water power aforesaid, and report to the churches the result of their investigations.

Rev. T. C. Hunt addressed the Association on the "Civil Sabbath." The discussion of this topic was continued by Rev. George B. Kimball, Prof. H. E. Storrs and Rev. E. R. Brainerd.

Voted that Bro. Hunt be requested to present his paper to the *Pacific* for publication.

President C G. Baldwin was appointed delegate to the General Association of California.

Rev. W. N. Burr, of San Jacinto, was appointed to prepare narrative of the state of religion in the churches for the next meeting.

Rev. W. C. Merrill was appointed to preach the sermon at the next meeting. Alternate, Rev. L. H. Frary.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was adopted:

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delinquent be referred to the Home Missionary

Rev. Chas. B. Sumner was elected in the p
unable to attend, to represent this Associatio
gregational Council, to be held at London in Ju

The following resolution presented by the
was adopted:

Resolved, That while the American Missio
received prominent recognition by our body, no
any of its accredited agents, we yet desire to put
of its place among the leading benevolvent socie
important work it is doing in the nation an
oppressed. We desire to have a larger share
among the Indians and the Chinese within our
from all our churches their liberal contributions.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Questions having arisen concerning the desirabi
of this Association and our two Woman's Missio
concerning the custom of holding different meeti
was voted that a committee be appointed, consist
Association and one from each of the Woman's
whom the whole matter be referred.

This committee was afterwards appointed a
Hutchins, D. D., Mrs. C. T. Hanson, Mrs. E. Cas

Minutes of the meeting to this hour were read a

A telegram from the Secretary of State annou
Relief Society ...

The Association was called to order after recess, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, of which our Moderator be Chairman, to take such measures as may be deemed expedient to secure the passage by our next Legislature of an act authorizing the appointment and designating the functions of a State Board of Charities and Reforms.

Resolved, That this Association desires to express its loyalty to, and its appreciation of its state paper, the *Pacific;* it recognizes the valuable services of its regular correspondent, Rev. W. A. James, and it urges upon all the churches that more and more it find a cordial welcome into our homes, and that no parish be without at least one copy for circulation.

A paper on "Our Boys" was read by Rev. J. H. Collins, and followed by discussion.

A paper on "The Relation of the Y. P. S. C. E. to Other Forms of Church Work," was read by Rev. E. D. Weage.

Then followed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the service being conducted by Rev. T. C. Hunt and Rev. C. H. Davis.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following for Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting: Pastor of the East Los Angeles Church, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Prof. H. E. Storrs and Rev. J. T. Ford.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association hereby extends to this church and the people of San Diego our cordial and hearty thanks for the very generous hospitality and sweet fellowship we have so richly enjoyed with them during the meetings of this Association, and we invoke upon them the richest blessings of the Great Head of the Church.

It was likewise

Resolved, That our hearty thanks be extended to the Southern California Railway Company for its kindness in the reduction of fares; and to the San Diego press for its publication of the transactions of this meeting.

Voted that at the close of the evening service we adjourn *sine die*.

Then followed a Foreign Missionary Meeting, conducted by the ladies of the Southern California branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific. Reports were read by Mrs C. T. Hanson and Mrs. G. L. Smith. [See Appendix F.] An address was made by Mrs. F. M. Price; also by Rev. C. T. Weitzel.

Before adjournment a Committee on State Charities and Reforms was appointed, consisting of Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Frank B. Miller, N. W. Blanchard and George W. Marston.

The session closed by the benediction by the Moderator.

E D. WEAGE, Scribe.
J. T. FORD, Registrar.

The General Congregational Association o
account with Jas. T. Ford, Treasurer:

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" " San Diego, Second .....
" " Santa Barbara .....
" " Sierra Madre.. .....
" " Vernondale .....
" " Westminster .....
" " National City .....
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July 19	To printing minutes	144 00	
	To Dr. Dwinell's paper	7 50	
July 21	To dues to National Council, paid Rev. E. R. Brainerd	45 39	
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B.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

By Rev. D. H. Colcord.

Whether from the martial, ringing words of the warrior apostle, calling the Christian to arm and drill and fight till victory; or from the vision of the rapt seer on Patmos, who saw the conquering armies of the King of Kings welcomed home; or from the message of other souls inspired to fight the good fight of faith; or from the plain fact of the necessary conflict between good and evil, the unseen and the seen, Christ and self; the truth is clear in Christian thought and life, the Christian is a soldier, the Church is Christ's army.

The message, which I bring you to-day from the Congregational Churches of Southern California, has come to me as a word from the army of Christ —not the whole army, made up of many divisions, whose morning salute to its commander keeps pace with the sunrise around the world; not even from the brigade which uses the distinctive methods of "the Congregational way," but the message from the companies and platoons and squads, which find their special field of military operations within the limits of Southern California.

I bring you greeting from this division of Christ's army. These churches of Christ salute you.

I. Numbers.

In 1867 our Congregational Israel crossed the mountains into this field with his staff. And now he has become more than half a hundred bands. At the close of 1867 we had three churches here; in 1881, ten years ago, eight; in 1886, five years ago, twenty-three; one year ago, fifty; and now,

[illegible] reported 610 absent. Are they off the case with some. I judge it to be unfair to totals. Many are still in Southern California, for a season away from their own company. Wit are, like Cæsar's soldiers in the battle with the fight. Others have their place filled by other so for a part of the year.

In an editorial note in the Congregationalist statement was made on the authority of a letter than one-half of the members of Congregational live on the Pacific Coast, put in their church le Churches. From the answers to a question about dent that for Southern California at least the very become connected with our churches. Few pasto culty in getting them to unite. "We have no From Spring Valley and Jamul, the message is "T church." Redlands says "to the unwilling to un they are coming in one by one." Bethel, San none. Ventura says "They have to unite. We n them to stay out."

During the year the churches added 25 per cent. net gain of 15 per cent. 54 per cent. of the increa The army grows here. Southern California expec duty.

II. The Spirit of the Ar

Is the army spirit strong? Is it being develope what means? Moved by a common impulse of l mander, touched by one Divine Spirit, with a like Christ, how are they [illegible]

in the service of worship. Their reading and thought, their devotions and efforts are being unified in some churches by the same daily Bible readings in the home and by series of topics previously announced for weekly meetings. Good use of the Congregational hand-book is made at Monrovia and elsewhere. The "Brookfield Services" have been found helpful at Nordhoff, Ontario and the Highlands. At one of the two mid-week prayer meetings at Nordhoff. much interest is manifested in studies in the life of Christ. Redlands finds its prayer meetings more social. In church unity, writes the "Pioneer Preacher" about the newly organized church at Saticoy: "They are of one heart and one mind, about as perfect as is ever found this side of heaven." The larger share of responsibility for the church's work in its neighborhood placed upon the members, as a whole, is helping toward this oneness of spirit. Action and reaction are equally helpful to the church, whose neighborhood visitors invite all within their limits to some church of Christ. And these visitors are more and more recognized as a rightful channel through which may flow the river of water of life. "Let him that heareth say, come."

Of the mid-week prayer meeting, Pastor Frary writes: "In general the 'Advance' topics have been followed. But increased and successful effort has been made to render this the 'mid-week church night' rather than 'the regular prayer meeting.' There has been more of a combination of the social and religious, tending to a closer intimacy and unity of spirit. Occasionally we give the whole evening instead of a single hour."

III. Recruiting Service.

The place of 357 soldiers removed has been more than made good by 856 added. These have come by the organization of six new churches, by the natural increase from the Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor societies, and Christian homes, somewhat also from our incoming population.

I need not refer to the two good scouts, who spy out the land from San Miguel to National City, who enlist the boys and girls in Sunday school, and muster a corporal's guard in some overlooked valley or cañon or mesa, where the gospel trumpet had not sounded. There is with the pastors a definite aim to enlist the young, to draw the unchurched to Him, who drew even publicans and sinners to Himself. They do not purpose, as has before been shown, to let the soldier, elsewhere enlisted, but now here, become a straggler, dropping so far behind the music that he loses step and forgets Him, who has called him to be a soldier. And they are making large use of the Y. P. S. C. E. for their recruiting service. About forty of these societies are connected with our churches. In only one case, where undoubtedly the society made most of its social and literary aim has a pastor expressed an adverse opinion of its value. There is general and grand testimony to its efficiency in winning and holding and training the young for Christ. The Olivet Society began the year with this advice from their pastor: "Do not make your work the raising of money." Riverside says:

"The Y. P. S. C. E. is really the young people at work and through them the unchurched are somewhat reached." Buena Park claims to have a society of the active-active. Through these the churches say:

"Come and join our army,
The army of the Lord.
Jesus is our Captain,
We'll rally at his word,
Sharp will be the conflict
'Gainst the powers of sin,
But with such a leader
We are sure to win."

IV. New Methods and Tactics.

I do not say new weapons. No armor and no weapons have ever been patented by man to supply the place of "the whole armor of God." But the soldier may be trained to wear easily and constantly the helmet of salvation and the breastplate of righteousness. The feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace may be trained to go, not simply in the old ways of gospel service, but in the newer and constantly opening ways of Christianity applied to modern problems of citizenship, the submerged—millions, and of the *ology* of the coming century—Sociology. There is nothing to take the place of the sword of the Spirit, but Christ's soldier may grow more skilfull in its use. All-Prayer may have potencies large beyond our present thought.

In Vernondale the church members, old and young, take turns in conducting the prayer meeting. The Sunday school is taking hold of benevolent contributions. About twenty children meet on Friday evening with the pastor for Bible study. Santa Barbara writes: "We use Erastus Blakeslee's Outline Studies in the life of our Lord at our prayer meeting with great profit and increasing interest. Escondido has a question box in the evening, and a short sermon. Pomona held daily preaching services through Passion week. No other series of meetings in the history of this church has been so blessed to the spiritual refreshing of the people. Attendance was greater than through any ordinary week of prayer. The presence of the Holy Spirit as a result is felt to an unusual degree.

Alert to duty and alive to the sufficiency of its leader's resources the churches shall become fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners.

V. Actual Warfare.

There is the sound of conflict from these companies in Southern California, just as truly as in those three centuries which Ulhorn describes in the conflict of Christianity with Heathenism. The spirit of this world is always hostile to the Spirit of Christ. In the church and out of it the battle is being waged with this foe. Let me give you hints that the army is a warring host. Avalon notes temperance and missionary sermons; Pasadena North, a decided advance in benevolence; Los Angeles, West, a temperance

talk every Sunday; churches of Pomona, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles have been very active in the anti-saloon contest. Ventura has had "no special services save in the cause of temperance and other public questions. The unchurched are plenty and shy; while they have no reason to say, 'No man careth for my money,' they may with greater justice exclaim, 'No man careth for my soul.' In reform more interest is taken than before. Union meetings, discussion of themes of public interest in the pulpit, and conventions are bringing the questions before the minds with greater power." Debts are in process of being paid in several churches. Christian education is being planned for and helped forward. Several churches now contribute to our seven societies; churches in the country as well as in the city are sustaining district or mission Sunday Schools. There are several Chinese Sunday Schools, and Pasadena has a cottage meeting for the Chinese each evening with good results. There are societies for young and old, for juniors, and middlers, and seniors, to fulfill the commission, "Preach the Gospel to every creature."

Perhaps the following from the pastor of San Bernardino First, may evidence that the battle is on: "I am too busy keeping up the ordinary services to undertake anything new. Sunday School at 9.45 A. M.; preaching 11.00 A. M.; a drive of five miles to Rialto and Sunday School at 2.00 P. M. and preaching at 3.00 P. M.; return to the city and Junior Christian Endeavor at 5.30 P. M.; Senior at 6.30 P. M.; preaching at 7.30 P. M.; at all these services the pastor is present as teacher, leader, or (as in the Senior Christian Endeavor meeting) to take part only as a member. That is for Sunday. Monday occur the church official and committee meetings and a Bible class at 3.00 P. M.; Tuesday, Excelsior Cadets' drill; Wednesday, Prayer meeting in San Bernardino; Thursday, Prayer meeting in Rialto; Friday, Excelsior Cadets' drill."

"Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God."

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"And now we fight the battle,
But then shall wear the crown
Of full and everlasting
And passionless renown."

The Message From the Commander.

Together with these words from the army I cannot fail to hear the word from Him who is leading the army on to full and final victory, as he names the efficient cause for this glorious result, even the Spirit of truth, who shall guide into all the truth; by whom each disciple may surpass the works of his Master. "Greater works than these shall he do." "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

In Dr. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire," an army sits before the enemy's solid

masonry with an avowed purpose to batter it down. How? they point to cannon, to balls, to powder. Each is powerless—but powerless powder and powerless ball are put into powerless cannon, one spark of fire enters it, then in a moment the powder is a lightning flash, the ball a thunderbolt, granite fortifications are dust. Cannon, balls, powder—we have them. The foe is a reality. The spark of God waits for the upreaching hand of the faithful soldier.

C.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION—SECRETARY'S REPORT.

By Mrs. H. K. W. Bent.

After three years of existence an organization ought, undoubtedly, to be willing to be held responsible for itself, and to be able to show sufficient cause for having come into being.

Our Union, in common with other State Unions, was created to meet two needs—the ever present need of money for mission work, and the increasingly apparent need of some agency to rouse churchwomen from their apathy concerning less fortunate ones outside their own horizon. We undertake no new or independent work, but are content to add such strength as we may to the forces already in the field. We found ourselves ignorant of the workings of those forces to an extent that—to ourselves at least—was most surprising. It is true that my own childish recollections have a strong missionary flavor. "Thus saith the Missionary Herald" and "Thus saith the American Missionary" had great force and sacredness for me, and I can recall the gratification with which I beheld my name on their pages in acknowledgment of my small earnings and self-denials. Still, notwithstanding, I had been a Congregational Church member in good and regular standing for fifteen years before I comprehended the not very abstruse fact that our church carries on its mission work through seven distinctly organized societies, each supplementing the others in a necessary department.

One of the most intelligent ladies in our membership said to me not long ago that "the darkness of her mind on these matters was a darkness that might be felt," a sentiment variously expressed by many correspondents. This would seem to indicate one of two things—that our women are exceptionally slow of comprehension, or that their pastors have been exceptionally unsuccessful in presenting missionary Congregationalism! Either of these hypotheses is a most unhappy one to present in a gathering of both preachers and hearers, and I leave them pausing only to suggest that the remedy would be the same in either case—a vigorous course of missionary sermons!

It was, as has been said, largely to penetrate this indifference to the great

work of the church that our Union was organized. It was at first our intention to simply induce the formation of an auxiliary in each church in Southern California. Soon, however, we began to realize, like all educational workers, that we ought to begin farther back, and bend the twig in the direction we hoped to see the tree incline. If we could implant the missionary idea in the hearts of the church children, and assist to develop it and make it intelligent while they were still young, we felt that we should have wrought worthily for the next generation of missions, even if we failed to add a dollar to their present resources. This, then, is now our aim —to secure eventually in every church, *three* auxiliaries—the Woman's Society, the Christian Endeavor Society and a Mission Band of Children.

I have been thus explicit in reviewing our plans and intentions, for the reason that we may perhaps not have the privilege of meeting again with this Association. We feel ourselves to be great gainers by being present at your sessions, and when we withdraw must do so with great regret. The difficulties of having the two bodies in session at the same time, however, are obvious, and are increasing as we gain in numbers. Moreover, the same ladies are frequently sent as delegates to both the Association and the Union, requiring of them the difficult duty of being in two places at the same time. We have seen, therefore, the necessity of holding our meetings at a different time and place as soon as our strength and numbers would warrant the attempt. That time is not far distant, and it may be that this will be our last joint meeting. I have on this account sketched once more our plans and hopes, for we desire, as a necessary element of our success, the hearty sympathy and co-operation of every pastor.

You will, I trust, be interested to glance for a moment at our year's work. We have had such a share of disappointments as is the heritage of all mortal enterprises, and I cannot say that we have not at times felt more discouragement than was creditable over the difference between the desirable and the attainable. Yet, in summing up the year, we believe that we may feel reasonably satisfied with its results.

There are in the Association 56 churches, and we have had auxiliaries in 32. Of these three have been compelled to disband or suspend activity for a time, leaving us in active connection with 29 churches, or about half the entire number. We have also three Christian Endeavor Societies, two Young People's Missionary Societies and two Mission Bands, making in all 36 auxiliaries. Twelve of these have been added during the year, an increase of 50 per cent. They number not far from 800 members, who have contributed through our treasury $1200. The average contribution per member is about $1.50.

At the time when the A. H. M. S. sent out its appeal in February, we asked our members for a special gift, to be raised by a specified week of self-denial. The four consecutive stormy Sabbaths of that month interfered with the carrying out of this plan, and but seven auxiliaries responded. But these seven sent some $60.

The mite-box system of gathering money is growing in favor with us, and has been adopted by several societies with gratifying results.

Our Union officers have been in communication with the various local officers and have, so far as in them lay, co-operated with them to increase the interest and efficiency of local work. It is our theory that we need only to be informed concerning the demand for mission work to be interested therein, and to this end we emphasize the study of the Six Homeland Societies by all our auxiliaries. Words concerning them from the pulpit are, I am sure, most welcome to every local president, who often feels her task a heavy one. Let me therefore ask the clergymen here present to give us a kindly thought and a helpful word from time to time. We shall not be ungrateful, and we hope, furthermore, to be able to repay you manifold by the increasing earnestness and efficiency of the women in your churches.

D.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

By Rev. J. T. Ford, Superintendent.

Entering upon a new year of our Home Mission work let us thank God for signs of returning financial prosperity. In the fruit raising sections He has given increased incomes—more money for Christian work. In towns and cities there has been a consequent improvement in trade. The winter has brought tourists in increasing numbers to enrich us by their outlays—and throughout the year more and more land has been purchased and improved. This also means more money entrusted to our people for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. The period of uncertain possession and uncertain values, resulting from the mistakes, the excesses, the sins of the "boom" is felt to be nearly past. Men know better what they have, or whether they have anything at all. The bondage and the burdens of our people—the penalty of their financial transgressions—is drawing to its end. The Lord is graciously opening the doors of our prison house to bid us go free once more, and we are admonished by His dealing, not again to put money "into a bag with holes," but to make sure investment of it in His own most profitable enterprises. He says, "Ye looked for much and lo it came to little, and when ye brought it home I did blow upon it." "Now therefore consider your ways." "Go up into the mountain, build the house, and I will take pleasure in it."

Not every individual; not all parts of our territory; not all our churches have yet found relief. Some towns, because they were transgressors beyond measure, must bear their burdens yet longer. Some churches, in places built on delusive expectations, are depleted by removals; impoverished because of insufficient employment for those who remain, and must depend

more than ever upon Home Missionary aid if their work is to be maintained at its past standard of efficiency.

Whatever measure of relief has come, reached us too late to lessen the appropriations made in the year now past for our aided churches. Only one during the whole year voted self-support, and the officers of that one say "we must again ask aid."

When the year began we were confronted with the fact that only as the collections of our churches should increase could we command money for new work. At our annual meeting at Santa Barbara it was recommended that our churches raise $5,000—an advance of more than $1,600 on the contributions of the previous year. We ventured, encouraged by this recommendation, to plan for new work to cost not less than $1,000. It was only a small beginning of the work that lay open before us. As a result we have four churches added to our list, Chula Vista, Encinitas, Rialto and Santa Monica. Rialto, gathered and ministered to by the pastor of the first church in San Bernardino, has required no aid. One other church added to our list—Lugonia Terrace—was formed apart from our Home Mission work—born to aid, rather than to be aided—being self-supporting and making generous collections for us from the first. The mission church at Saticoy, reported last year as having died an honorable death, has attained an early resurreclion to a higher life in which Home Missionary applications are unknown.

We have 56 churches, of which 32 receive aid. We have 17 additional preaching stations, at several of which church organizations will be completed at an early day.

Five of our churches worshipping the previous year in halls and schoolhouses, now occupy church buildings of their own. These are Compton, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Spring Valley and Bethel Church—San Bernardino. The congregation at Moreno has a new church building before its organization as a church is completed. The Olivet Church, Los Angeles, has moved from its leased lot to a location of its own, and has enlarged its house so that its seating accommodations are nearly three times greater than before. The Avalon Church and West-End Los Angeles have been repaired and improved. Parsonages have been built or provided at Escondido, Perris, Pico Heights and San Miguel—four in number.

The estimated value of these several buildings—all of them the property of aided churches—is about $20,000. All, but one, were built with aid from the Congregational Union, and, but for the expectation of that aid, would scarcely have been planned.

Statistics collected for the year-book covering the calendar year 1890, show that our 32 aided churches received 388 members, an average of more than 12 members per church. Of these, 201 were received on confession of faith, 187 by letter. For the first time in the history of our Association, our mission churches receive a greater number on confession than by letter. In 1889 only about one-third of the additions came in on

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Home Missions? We came to the month of October. The year was half gone; less than $500 had been reported from the churches for our work. We made appeal for special contributions in October and November. Came to the first of January; three-fourths of the year gone, and our collections thus far but little more than $1,000. Only three months remaining and more than $3,000 yet to be raised. The secretaries at New York appointed the second Sunday in February as Home Missionary Sunday. Now for a mighty effort and a grand result! But the first of March came; only one month of the year left; collections only a little more than $1,800; $2,500 more to be raised in thirty days. Will the churches be faithful to their Home Mission work? The reports began to come in. From one church $225; from another $250; from another $500; from poverty-stricken Home Missionary churches, $70, $60, $50; from the W. H. M. U., $500; something from 40 different churches; whole amount for the closing month, $2,662—more than enough to balance our expenditures. Thank God! Nevertheless, pray, brethren, that our income may be more equally distributed among the months of the year, and take heed that your prayers be answered.

The average rate attained by our churches as a whole was $1.33 per member. Thirteen of our churches attained to $2 per member. These were Buena Park, Compton, Halleck, Highlands, Hyde Park, Los Angeles 1st and 3rd, Monrovia, Ontario, Pasadena North, Perris, San Jacinto and Santa Monica—three more than last year. Ten of these were aided churches. Only three—Los Angeles 1st, Highlands, and Ontario—self-supporting churches. Three of the aided churches are worthy of special mention because they not only exceeded the rate of $2 per member, but also asked less aid than heretofore. These are Los Angeles 3rd, San Jacinto and Santa Monica.

The American Home Missionary Society apportions to our work for the year before us $9,700, and as much more as we can collect on the field. If we collect as much as last year, the whole amount will be nearly $14,200. If churches already aided should ask and receive as much as heretofore, our expenditures will be not less than $14,250. We have no margin for new work, unless grants are reduced or collections increased. But new work forces itself upon us. Not less than ten new men should be employed to answer present and urgent needs. Moreover we hear in the air the sound of a coming immigration such as we have not known in the past—less numerous it may be—less wild and tumultuous in the rush of its coming than that of five years ago—not so many adventurers, land grabbers and speculators, but more *families* coming to make homes, to form new and permanent settlements, or greatly to enlarge settlements already established. Our opportunity to do a great good work for Christ and future California is close before us. The responsibility of this work is laid at our doors.

This, to the aided churches is a call to rise in the might of a devoted self-denying effort to bear their own burdens, that the waiting harvest may

not suffer for want of laborers. Not all of them should come now to self-support. In a just and equal division of mutual burden bearing among the churches large and small, some should receive *more* aid than they have to-day.

But the prominent question is not how shall we hold the ground already gained. It is how shall we best make the forward movement that shall carry California and the world for Christ. In this the aided church has a common interest with others. It cannot be but that some of these churches by more vigorous, systematic, self-denying, consecrated effort, could increase their collections for the support of their ministry, and so release money for neglected fields. Some of these have already had grants made them covering a whole year to come. Let them not be content to receive them for the whole year if at any time by a new effort, or through increase of means, they can approach self-support. The indications are, that during the year the Lord may put more money into their hands for His word. Let it be used *when* it comes either to lessen aid or to increase collections. Let me commend, especially to the aided churches, the custom of quarterly home mission collections, so that the missionary with every report may be able to tell of receipts for this cause.

The inquiry comes home not to our mission churches only, but to all the churches. How can the work before us be accomplished? At the risk of repetition, let me urge upon them all the attainment of at least the two dollar standard in their contributions. Contribute at the average rate of $2 per member, and our collections for the current year will be $7,800—more by $3,300 than we raised last year. This will enable us to advance our work. Contribute $2 per member, and we can support an itinerant Missionary to labor among the neglected hamlets of San Diego County; we can retrieve the disgrace to our common christianity of a whole vast desert mining region in San Bernardino County without a single preacher of the gospel; we shall not need to tell you next year as we have told you for three years past, that Kern County with its growing population and many destitutions has not yet a Congregational church or Missionary; our one lone mission church in San Luis Obispo county will not need to be left any longer to complain of its isolation; and our one church in Santa Barbara County—our oldest church in Southern California—may become the mother of devoted churches, rescued thus from the sad fate of a childless old age. All these things may be accomplished, and the *new* opportunities of regions already occupied not neglected.

But if we would raise the $2 per member, it were well for us to learn some lessons from the contributions of the past year. Four persons contributed each $100. One church made up its $2 per member mainly through the dimes and nickels of its mite boxes; others through the enthusiastic purpose and effort of their pastors. The dimes and nickels of the Women's Societies added several hundreds of dollars to the aggregate collections for the year. Make up this year $1,000 in hundred dollar con-

tributions; make up another $1,000 in fifty dollar and twenty-five dollar contributions; make up $2,000 through the dimes and nickels of the mite boxes, of the Women's Societies, the Endeavor Societies and the Sabbath Schools; let the remainder of it be the subject of enthusiastic pastoral effort in the regular collections of the churches, and the sum required will be realized. We shall no longer, for want of supplies, halt in our march, but shall press on to victory.

E.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

1. The name of this organization is: "The Congregational Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California."

2. The object of this society is to aid needy Congregational ministers, and also the families of deceased ministers not otherwise provided for.

The society shall also endeavor to secure gifts of land and money for the above object, and also gifts of land and money for the establishment and maintenance of a Ministers' Home.

3. The contribution of one dollar annually shall constitute any member of a Congregational Church a member of this society. An annual contribution from any church shall entitle such church to membership. Twenty dollars contributed at one time shall constitute a life membership.

4. The business of the society shall be transacted by, and all its property held by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members, who shall constitute a Board of Directors; such Directors to be elected by and from the members of the Society upon nomination by the General Association of Southern California.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held each year on the last day of the meeting of the General Association.

The Directors shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

5. The Directors shall keep a full record of their proceedings, and shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of the society.

6. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, due notice of the proposed change having been given at least one month previously.

7. Such By-laws may be adopted by the society or by the Directors as may be deemed important to carry out the object of the society.

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promptly forward. The First Church, Los An
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Hutchins, the wife of their pastor, who had rece
Then followed friends at Orange, Riverside, Sa
Barbara, San Jacinto, Pasadena North, Vernonc
Arizona.

Later came kind words and offerings from Si
Bernardino, Santa Ana, Pomona, Pasadena, Per
dido and Buena Park.

Young people and children, with warm and lov
have, from time to time, knocked gently at the do
—Societies of Christian Endeavor, Mission Circle

The organization of the enterprise that we call
the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific w
work of faith—faith in God, who has said, "Lo,
and faith in the genuineness of our commissio
women.

The story of the year is not unlike that of th
enterprises. There have been some hindrances a
instances, before our organization was fully kn
have come directly to our Ti

operation of each auxiliary, could the results of the year's work be what they are. Each smallest auxiliary has its special share, for if the little rills are cut off, whence the large river's flowing waters?

Dear Secretaries, some of whom we meet to-day for the first time, we thank you for your kind and ready responses to letters, which have often been like the pressure of a warm and loving hand, and for the willingness you have all shown to take the work suggested to you.

Early in the year we were asked by the Board to assume the entire support of Miss Denton, teacher in Kyeto, Japan, her salary amounting to $600. We said we will try. There were then in Southern California ten senior auxiliaries contributing about $450 annually to foreign missions. We gratefully report to-day twenty-six auxiliaries and gifts amounting to $945.27.

In October, a request came from Dr. Clark, of the American Board, for an assistant for Miss Gunnison, at Mateayuma, Japan; he sought her in the churches of Southern California, and are to-day, happy to say that she has been found in the person of Miss Alice Harwood, of Orange, a young lady fitted and prepared for the work by a careful christian training and education, and valuable experience in teaching. But the word has gone forth from the American Board, "retrench;" and it now rests with us, women of the churches represented here, to say if she shall go and take up this work, where she is so much needed.

May we not dare to enlarge our efforts and send another to represent us in Japan? Will not others join us, esteeming it their high privilege to share in the conversion of the world to Christ? Would that some silver tongued advocate might speak, who would so arouse the numbers of those women, who think not on these things, that our ranks might be swelled into an army.

Dear pastors, more than any other—or many others—in our churches, you can help or hinder our efforts. We ask your aid and sympathy for the work's sake. "Come over and help us."

Of late years, the whole of the Woman's work has been passed over to the three Woman's Boards. Dr. De Forest, of Japan, has said, "he works for woman because she holds the key to the situation." It is the touch of the woman that is awake, upon the woman that is asleep, that is going to do the work.

In 1889 there was expended for the local churches of California more than $241,000, besides the Home Missionary and benevolent contributions. We hope this sum will increase another year. But what have we given for the conversion of the world? $5,295.50. Over $4,000 of this sum was given by the Woman's Board.

There was a time under the old dispensation, when God's people were required to care for their own nation only. Christ came, and when they were given the opportunity and command, they utterly refused to carry the gospel to the heathen. Where is the Jewish Church to-day? Where

aggressive organization? A Nile that shall ov

The year with its possibilities for good is be
its golden opportunities, is at hand.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBU

Los Angeles, First Church, Auxiliary .....
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Los Angeles, First Church, Young Ladies' Soci

Los Angeles, Park Church, Auxiliary .....
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East Los Angeles, Young People's Society.....
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Riverside, Auxiliary.....
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Santa Barbara, Auxiliary.....
Santa Barbara, Sunday School.....

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In addition to the above receipts, amounts as follows have been sent direct to Mrs. Cole, Treasurer of the W. B. M. P.:

Riverside, Sunday School Boys' Mission Club	$10 00
Ontario, Bethel Church, Ladies' Missionary Society	2 25
Los Angeles, Park Church, Sunday School	1 50
Pasadena, First Church, Women's Missionary Society	25 00
Redlands, Sunday School	12 40
Messina, Sunday School	3 00
Vernondale, Woman's Missionary Society	3 70
Monrovia, Mission Helpers	5 00
Los Angeles, Third Church, Sunday School	2 50
Nordhoff	20 00
Total amount sent direct to Mrs. Cole	$85 35

SUMMARY.

Receipts, Southern Branch	$859 92	
Forwarded to W. B. M. P.	85 35	
		$945 27

MRS. F. A. MILLER, Treasurer, Riverside.

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STICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1890.

S.	CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMI	
Org.	NAME.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To	Ab	C	L.
1889	Mrs. Sophia A. Wheeler..	Geo. Morris, ϕ	'60	'90	11	7	18			6
		T. J. Wood, (Baptist)					20			
1888	Dea. D. J. Young	James H. Harwood, ϕ	'63	'90	9	13	22			6
1887	Miss Ida W. Frazier	Thomas W. Spanswick, ϕ	'74	'90	6	10	16			
1890	John T. Judkins				6	13	19			
1888	Clark S. Hazeltine	Edgar H. Bickford, ϕ	*Lic.*	'90	16	31	47	8	7	9
1887	Edward E. Davis	Alanson Bixby, ϕ	'50	'87	9	11	20		2	
1889	Fred H. Orvis	Henry N. Daniels, ϕ	'61	'89	4	5	9			
1886	Chas. S. Graves				15	24	39		7	7
1886	Miss Loise Cash	Elijah Cash, ϕ	'78	'86	2	3	5			
1890	Miss Ella Ross	John A. Rogers, ϕ	'90	'90	2	8	10			8
1886	Mrs. F. W. Sturges	Charles B. Carlisle, ϕ	'87	'89	19	30	49	1	6	16
1884	Mrs. H. W. Timmons	Stephen Edwards, ϕ	'85	'90	5	6	11			
1884	Miss J. R. Noyes	Alex. W. Thompson, ϕ	'80	'89	34	37	71	1	21	11
1888	Frank B. Clarke			'90	6	6	12			
1890	Mrs. Emma Chesman	Mac H. Wallace, *								

STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED.			REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Families
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Pasadena, North	1889	Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, *p.*	'60	'89	10	24	34	3	8	7	15	....	....	....	....	4	2	40
Pico Heights	1887	Mrs. Lucy E. Stone	Chas. A. Weaver, *p.*	'80	'90	12	20	32	6	1	1	2	2	9	....	11	....	....	40
Pomona, Pilgrim	1887	Chas. M. Stone	Lucien H. Frary, *p.c*	'69	'88	89	138	227	23	25	34	59	2	12	....	14	16	1	178
Poway	1887	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, *p.*	'45	'88	12	15	27	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
Perris	1887	Mrs. Kate Chandler	Charles H. Davis, *p.*	'77	'87	26	31	57	....	12	3	15	1	....	....	1	6	2	50
Redlands, First	1880	A. S. McPherron	Geo. Willett, *p.*	'78	'88	46	75	121	17	3	21	24	2	33	....	35	3	8	75
" Lugonia Terrace	1890	Rev. John G. Hale	Orange H. Spoor, *p.*	'61	'90	20	38	58	....	21	37	58	....	....	....	....	7	....	50
Rialto, First	1890	Joseph L. Merrill	Josiah H. Jenkins, *p.*	'65	'90	10	8	18	....	4	14	18	....	....	....	....	3	....	8
Riverside, First	1872	Walter L. Koethen	Theodore C. Hunt, *p. c.*	'80	'85	91	143	234	26	13	19	32	2	10	1	13	5	1	116
San Bernardino, First	1867	Miss Susie S. Davidson	Josiah H. Jenkins, *p. c.*	'65	'90	29	79	108	25	7	6	13	1	9	....	10	3	1	130
" Bethel	1889	Brayton Muscot	Edward R. Brainerd, *p.*	'84	'91	10	16	26	....	12	2	14	....	1	....	1	....	....	150
San Diego, First	1886	Miss Eva Hathaway	William C. Merrill, *p.*	'84	'90	72	138	210	42	6	12	18	2	12	21	35	5	2	130
" Second	1888	Fred. W. Huun	George S. Hall, *p.*	....	'91	14	27	41	7	1	4	5	....	4	....	4	....	....	25
San Jacinto	1886	J. Q. A. Hudson	Wm. N. Burr, *p.*	'88	'89	18	23	41	6	11	7	18	....	11	....	11	7	1	50
San Miguel	1886	Edward B. Tuthill	Edw. B. Tuthill, *p.*	'60	'86	15	18	33	8	3	3	6	1	1	....	2	2	1	96
Santa Ana, First	1889	A. J. Crookshank	Louis B. Voorhees, *p.*	'71	'90	18	38	56	5	1	8	9	2	3	....	5	1	5	35
Santa Barbara, First	1867	C. T. Weitzel	Chas. T. Weitzel, *p.*	'76	'86	57	123	180	33	8	4	12	3	8	8	19	6	3	140
Santa Monica, First	1890	Robt. W. Gray	Geo. P. Kimball, *p.*	'51	'90	7	20	27	1	21	8	29	1	1	....	2	1	....	25
Saticoy	1890	Mrs. Elizabeth Pardee	Richard Pratt, *p.*	....	'90	4	16	20	....	1	19	20	....	....	....	....	1	....	33
Sierra Madre, First	1886	John C. Dickson	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, *p.*	'68	'87	25	46	71	13	5	11	16	2	5	....	7	2	2	55
South Riverside	1887	J. Spencer Jewell	J. Spencer Jewell, *p.*	'66	'90	17	28	45	9	6	8	14	....	5	....	5	3	....	40
Spring Valley, *Helix*	1888	Herbert M. Stiles	Mac H. Wallace, *p.*	'88	'90	6	11	17	....	1	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Ventura, First	1869	John Arneill	John H. Goodell, *p.*	'74	'90	36	84	120	29	6	3	9	....	7	1	8	5	0	44
Vernondale	1885	Wm. F. G. Blaikie	Geo. A. Rawson, *p.*	'60	'89	42	56	98	24	11	20	31	1	13	2	16	2	2	45
Villa Park	1889	....	David Jenkins, *p.*	'76	'89	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Westminster	1878	Geo. W. Mack	Frank W. Johnson, *p.*	'83	'90	12	29	41	15	5	3	8	1	4	....	5	3	....	25

ES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					YP.S. C.E.	BENE				
	SUPERINTENDENT.	Mem.	Av'ge	Ad. to Ch.	Ben'v Contr	Mem.	For-eign.	Ed'n	Ch'h Bldg.	Home Mis.	A. M. A.
.....	Joseph Stamford.....	30	75	.....	$3 00	.....	$4 00	.....	$6 00	$10 00	
.....									5 00	20 10	
.....	John Tauler	65	45	1	.....	36	.....	.....			
.....	Union S. S.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	7 00	.....	5 00	10 00	
.....											
.....	John B. Lossing.....	125	50	5	3 00	21	.....	.....	.....	30 00	
.....	Richard Smith.....	35	30	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	2 50	
.....	Henry M. Daniels....	30	20	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 75	
.....	G. Emmett Myers....	30	15	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	5 00	10 00	
.....	Elijah Cash.....	25	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
.....	John A. Rogers.....	30	20	2	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 40	
.....	C. H. Fleetwood.....	88	68	1	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	2 40	
.....	Mrs. G. M. North....	40	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	21 48	
.....	Samuel H. Barrett...	136	113	15	48 00	42	7 00	.....	14 10	124 05	8 50
.....	Frank B. Clarke.....	36	25	1	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	13 15	
.....	D. C. Maxfield.....	30	30	2	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50
.....	W. W. Low.....	44	32	1	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Y.P.S C.E.	BENEVOLENCE.									
PLACE.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Mem.	Av'g	Ad. to Ch	Benv Cont.	Mem.	For-eign.	Ed'n.	Ch'h Bldg.	H'me Mis.	A. M. A.	S. S.	New West.	Other.	Total.	Home-Exp.
Pasadena, North	Dea. M. D. Painter	60	43	6	$		$10 00	$	$	$31 00	$	$3 00	$	$3 00	$47 00	$300 00
Pico Heights	W. P. Ross	72	55	1	3	18			5 00	3 00					8 00	700 00
Pomona, Pilgrim	Edward P. Shaw	200	115	12	25	79	119 00	702 00	25 00	369 00				120 00	1335 00	2904 00
Poway										20 00		10 00			30 00	198 00
Perris	A. Oliver	60	45	7		18				43 00					43 00	1015 00
Redlands, First	James S. Edwards	125	65		22	63	47 00			62 00		5 00	10 00	19 00	143 00	4950 00
" Lugonia Terrace	Chas. H. Lathrop	56	33	8					15 50						15 50	753 35
Rialto, First																189 70
Riverside, First	Stephen H. Herrick	271	126	4	48	62	50 70	45 00	40 00	277 00		35 50			448 20	3401 47
San Bernardino, First	Mrs. R. F. Garner	164	63	2	26	48	28 50		13 25	86 30		25 79			153 84	1957 18
" Bethel	J. M. Morris	80								15 00					15 00	400 00
San Diego, First	Geo. W. Marston	274	194	11	47	75	38 00		10 00	45 00	44 00	12 00		125 00	274 00	3202 00
" Second	Chas. H. Roberts	50	44	1	2	31	3 00			31 00	10 00	2 00		1 50	47 50	275 00
San Jacinto	Geo. A. Weber	108	62	7		25	35 00		100 00	20 00		12 50			167 50	1000 00
San Miguel	Mrs. A. F. Graham	100	62	3		33	3 45		5 00	18 25					26 75	436 00
Santa Ana, First	F. B. Barnes	60	32	1	2					65 60		2 00			67 60	422 46
Santa Barbara, First	Chas. P. Low	104	90	4		25	159 00			212 00	4 00	17 55		60 86	483 41	2960 00
Santa Monica, First	Lorenzo D. Swartwout	60	40			25	3 75			6 25					10 00	618 00
Saticoy	G. R. Walden	70	60													
Sierra Madre, First	Dea. C. E. Cook	75	50	4		63	11 00		7 00	42 00	8 00				68 00	2638 00
South Riverside	H. Moore	85	50	3	21	30				8 00		13 00			21 00	650 00
Spring Valley	Q. A. Lobingier	40	25	1						10 00					10 00	848 87
Ventura, First	John Arneill	150	60	6		32				28 15	15 60			8 70	52 45	1493 87
Vernondale	R. H. Stone	125	84	6	72	35	4 30	30 00	43 00	137 00	5 00	10 00		10 00	239 30	860 00
Villa Park																
Westminster	Geo. C. Mack	61	49	5	14				3 30	6 00		5 00			14 30	350 00

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This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston, June, 1865.

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This Association shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment, at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of business:

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

4. Annual dues:

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the Churches belonging to it at the rate of seven cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the Churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

5. Amendments:

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH,

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865. AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers, that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its

transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, Commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian Church; that the division of communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ. and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter are delivered from the power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and apostles, and in the life, the miracles, the death, the resurrection of his Son, our Divine Redeemer

—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming, now, our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one Catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of his body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world, and "preach the gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hope: "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING,

1892.

On Tuesday, May 31st, at 2:30 p. m., the General Congregational Association of Southern California met with the East Los Angeles Congregational Church. The meeting was called to order by the Registrar, who read the names of ministers and delegates present.

The roll was afterwards completed as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

S. Bristol	E. C. Norton	J. T. Ford
Alfred E. Tracy	F. A. Field	Wm. N. Burr
Elijah Cash	A. W. Thompson	Charles B. Sheldon
Geo. P. Kimball	Austin L. Park	John H. Collins
T. C. Hunt	Henry T. Staats	E. D. Weage
Otis D. Crawford	C. T. Weitzel	O. H. Spoor
C. B. Sumner	Robt. G. Hutchins	J. C. C. Harris
J. M. Schaefle	H. W. Houlding	Thomas Hendry
H. P. Case	D. Lloyd Jenkins	E. E. P. Abbott
Francis M. Price	D. D. Hill	C. G. Baldwin
Harvey Jones	Samuel Slocombe	J. H. Harwood
F. N. Merriam	C. S. Vaile	Richard Pratt
W. W. Snell	A. K. Johnson	E. R. Brainerd

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Avalon	Rev. Geo. Morris
	Mrs. S. Eddy
Buena Park	Jas. A. Whitaker
	Mrs. Jas. A. Whitaker
Chula Vista	Rev. W. C. Merrill
Claremont	Thos. Barrows
	Mrs. S. E. Tolman
Compton	J. B. Lossing
	Mrs. J. B. Lossing

De Luz	Mrs. H. M. Daniels
Eagle Rock	Prof. F. W. Phelps
	W. J. Seamans
Encinitas	W. D. Gibbs
Escondido	N. J. Rice, M. D.
	Mrs. N. J. Rice
Highlands	Rev. S. A. Norton
	J. Hartzel
Hyde Park	Benj. Holland
	Mrs. Geo. Myers
Long Beach	Rev. R. M. Webster
	Mrs. R. M. Webster
Los Angeles, First	James R. Clark
	Howard W. Mills
Los Angeles, Park	W. F. Wheeler
	J. Mills Davies
Los Angeles, Third	Thomas Bailey
	R. B. Collins
Los Angeles, East	J. E. Cushman
	W. A. Kennedy
Los Angeles, Plymouth	J. W. Parker
	Louis K. Webb
Los Angeles, Olivet	Mrs. L. K. Clendenon
	Mrs. R. Huston
Los Angeles, West End	J. J. White
	Mrs. W. M. Raburn
Monrovia	Mrs. A. T. Taylor
	Mrs. A. J. Bent
National City	Thomas Walker
Ontario	F. H. Hutchinson
	A. P. Harwood
Pasadena, First	W. T. Clapp
	Jas. M. Wood
Pasadena, North	T. Winters
	H. K. W. Bent
Pico Heights	Mrs. W. P. Ross
Pomona	D. L. Davenport
	Mrs. Ella Phillips

Perris	D. G. Mitchell
	W. F. Perry, M. D.
Redlands, First	Rev. J. M. R. Eaton
Redlands, Lugonia Terrace	Rev. E. D. Hale
Riverside	C. F. A. Johnson
	Frank Miller
San Bernardino, First	D. M. Bradford
San Bernardino, Bethel	H. B. Muscott
San Diego, First	M. T. Gilmore
	Mrs. M. T. Gilmore
San Diego, Second	J. W. Williams
	Mrs. J. W. Williams
San Jacinto	Mrs. Edwin Mead
Santa Ana	Rev. P. B. Jackson
	Mrs. W. R. Carpenter
Santa Barbara	Miss A. Jennings
Santa Monica	Rev. F. J. Culver
	Mrs. Geo. P. Kimball
Saticoy	Mrs. C. J. King
Sierra Madre	Rev. H. P. Higley
	Mrs. J. A. Norway
South Riverside	Rev. J. S. Jewell
Spring Valley	Rev. I. W. Atherton
Ventura	Mrs. L. B. Morgan
Vernondale	I. V. Draper
	Mrs. I. V. Draper
Villa Park	Trumbull Kent
	Henry Snyder
Westminster	Geo. C. Mack

DELEGATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA,

Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D.

INVITED TO SIT AS HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. H. D. Wiard of San Francisco.

Rev. E. Lyman Hood of New Mexico.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, D. D., Pastor of First M. E. Church, Los Angeles.

Rev. Geo. A. Wood of Needles.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. E. P. Abbott was chosen Moderator. Deacon M. T. Gilmore, Assistant Moderator. Rev. John H. Collins, Scribe. N. J. Rice, M. D., Assistant Scribe.

After reading of Scriptures and prayer, the Moderator appointed committees as follows: On Nominations, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. E. Cash, Dea. J. W. Parker. On Business, Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. E. D. Weage, Rev. O. D. Crawford. On Resolutions, Rev. P. B. Jackson, Rev. Thomas Hendry, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

Half hour prayer meeting was led by Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D.

The program prepared by the Committee of Arrangements, was adopted as printed, except that for the first paper was substituted a free discussion of the question "After the Mills' Meetings, What?"

Speeches were made upon this question by Revs. Crawford, Collins, Price, Hill, Cash, Hunt, Culver, Jenkins, Harwood and Abbott, and by Delegates Wheeler and Davies.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After devotional service, an address of welcome was made by Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, Pastor of East Los Angeles Church, followed by response from the Moderator.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Merrill, Text, James 2; 19.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Rev. J. H. Harwood, Chairman of Temperance Committee, made report containing resolutions which, after amendment, were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we, as Christians, and as members and Ministers of the Congregational Churches of Southern California, pledge our constant efforts, by example and active influence, against the liquor traffic and the drink habit.

Resolved, That we advise against the use of alcoholic wine at the Communion table.

Resolved, That while we look upon the Church of Christ as the great temperance organization, we extend our hearty goodwill and God-speed to every organization that is laboring with us to destroy forever the saloon and the saloon power.

Resolved, That we especially commend any great temperance movement in which all opponents of the saloon may unite.

Half-hour Prayer Meeting was led by Rev. Geo. Morris.

Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D., presented greetings of the General Association of California, to which response was made by the Moderator.

"The Higher Criticism, What is it? What are its Tendencies?" was discussed in two papers by Prof. F. W. Phelps and Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

At a later hour the following resolutions were adopted: –

WHEREAS, We have listened with great pleasure and profit to the papers on the subject of the Higher Criticism presented by Prof. F. W. Phelps and Rev. E. E. P. Abbott,

Resolved, That we recommend to pastors and churches the freest and fullest application in Bible study of the methods of truly scientific scholarship.

Resolved, That while repudiating the extreme views of critics, we urge a larger attention to thorough and scholarly teaching of the Biblical facts which underlie our Christian faith.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The joint committee representing this Association, the W. H. M. U. and the Southern Branch of the W. B. M. P. made report recommending that the Woman's Missionary Societies hold their annual meetings at a separate time and place from that of the Association, for the following reasons:

1st. It is impossible, at the meeting of the Association to secure time enough for all the business, papers and discussions of these societies.

2nd. Our ladies find it hard to absent themselves from the discussions of the Association, and their impatience to return to its meetings is unfavorable to the successful doing

of their business. Moreover their withdrawal unduly reduces the audiences of the Association, and thus mars the enthusiasm of speakers and hearers.

3rd. The custom of holding meetings together encourages the sending of women only, as delegates from the churches, since they can represent both the churches and their missionary societies. While we must applaud the zeal and efficiency of our women in the work of the Lord, it is of prime importance that our leading laymen should have the fellowship, the information, and the inspiration afforded by our meetings of association.

4th. The entertainment of delegates to both the Association and the Missionary gatherings has become, by reason of the increase of our churches, exceedingly burdensome for the entertaining church, so that only the largest churches have been able to consider the question of inviting the Association and they have been over-taxed.

5th. The separation is likely to be welcomed by the women of both societies, the Executive Committee of one of the societies having voted to recommend it, and the general sentiment of the other being reported as favorable to the separation.

6th. All hypothetical objections to the plan seem to be answered by its successful working in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and among the Congregational churches of several of our states. In practical experience, both the ecclesiastical gatherings and the ladies' meetings are greatly advantaged by the separation.

That the happy bond of sympathy now subsisting between the Association and the Ladies' Societies may be maintained, the Committee recommends that opportunity be given, in both our General and Local Associations, for written reports from these societies.

Voted that the report be adopted.

Then followed the public exercises of the W. H. M. U.: Report of Secretary, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent; report of Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Spencer (see appendix C); address by President, Mrs. E. Cash; address concerning Chinese work in

Los Angeles, Mrs. F. M. Price; a letter from Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Secretary Woman's Department. A. H. M. S.; a poem, Mrs. F. B. Daniels.

Announcement was made that Certificates of Life Membership had been prepared, and Mrs. J. T. Ford was called forward and presented with the first certificate.

The Committee on Education made verbal report through two of its members, Rev. E. D. Weage and Mr. Thomas Barrows, commending the work of Pomona College, also a written report in the form of an address to the pastors of the Congregational Churches of Southern California, presenting a plan to make effective the following resolution adopted by the Educational Convention held at Los Angeles, April 13th and 14th, 1892:

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the offered aid of the American College and Education Society to pay toward the current expenses $4.00 to each $7.00 received upon the home field up to the amount of $4000, and we respond to it by the recommendation that the Committee on Education appointed by our General Association prepare suitable blanks for a wide-spread subscription, with the hope that the donations in sums ranging from twenty-five cents to one hundred dollars each, may amount to 2000, and that the average gift shall be $3.50, thus making up the general total of $7000, to which the College and Education Society will add $4000, and

Resolved, That our children be invited to add their names thus to the roll of the builders of Pomona College.

The Committee proposed that next Sabbath, June 5th, be set apart for taking the subscription, that the blanks prepared be distributed in the churches, so that every man, woman and child may have one, thus giving all an opportunity to subscribe; also that they be used in the Sunday School and the Society of Christian Endeavor, with the aim to secure every subscription of twenty-five cents and upwards, possible. and that in each church some active young person be appointed "Pomona College Correspondent," to make record of names, amounts, and dates of payment and to forward the pledges at once to Pomona College, to collect the subscriptions and take the receipts for the same from

Pomona College, also to be the means of communication between the Church and the College in all matters. The suggestion is made that the correspondent might be regularly appointed by the Y. P. S. C. E. every year.

Addresses were made by President Baldwin and others, urging this plan.

The report was adopted by rising vote, with the recommendation that the churches make returns of the result of the subscriptions before July 12th, if possible.

A narrative of the State of Religion in the Churches was presented by Rev. W. N. Burr. See appendix A.

Then followed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. I. W. Atherton and Rev. H. P. Higley presiding.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

After devotional services, the Association listened to the report of Home Mission Superintendent, Rev. Jas. T. Ford, (see appendix B), and to addresses on Home Missions by Rev. Samuel Slocombe, Rev. A. K. Johnson, D. D., Rev. E. Lyman Hood of New Mexico, Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D., and Rev. H. D. Wiard of San Francisco.

THURSDAY MORNING.

After prayer by Rev. Samuel Slocombe,. the Treasurer's Report was read and adopted. See appendix G.

"Our Sunday School Work," was presented in reports by Rev. J. H. Collins, of S. S. Committee, and by Rev. H. P. Case, Supt. of S. S. Mission Work for Southern California. See appendix D.

Then followed half hour prayer meeting led by Rev. H. W. Jones.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, We recognize the frequency of divorce and of the remarriage of divorced persons, while those from

whom they were divorced are still living, to be one of the greatest dangers now menacing society, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that Ministers of the Gospel should not perform the marriage ceremony in cases in which either of the contracting parties have been divorced, so long as the persons from whom they were divorced are still living, unless the divorce was granted on the Christian ground laid down in Matthew's Gospel.

WHEREAS, We believe it would be a national calamity to open the World's Fair on Sunday, and

WHEREAS, Congress is urged to appropriate additional money for the Fair, therefore

Resolved, That as the General Congregational Association of Southern California, representing a membership of more than four thousand persons, we hereby petition our Congressmen to use their influence and vote to prevent the granting of an additional appropriation, except on the express condition that the Fair be not opened on Sundays, and that the sale of intoxicating liquors on the Fair grounds be prohibited,

Resolved, That the Scribe be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Congressmen representing Southern California.

Having listened with great interest and profit to the presentation of the Sunday School work by the indefatigable representative of the Sunday School and Publishing Society, Bro. H. P. Case,

Resolved, That we express our deep sympathy with him in this work, and recommend the idea emphasized by our brother that a determined effort be made by pastors and Christian workers to raise the standard of our teaching, to make it more Biblical and more spiritual; and that we also recommend each Sunday School Superintendent to correspond with Brother Case for suggestions and help in the work of thoroughly furnishing our primary departments.

Resolved, That hearing with the greatest joy of the continuous success of the work of the Lord in the hands of Rev. B. Fay Mills, and his helper, Mr. Greenwood, we bid them God-speed and pray that still greater power may rest upon them, and greater success attend their meetings.

Papers on "Christianity and Wealth" were read, the first by Rev. J. Spencer Jewell, on "The Christian Way of

Acquiring Wealth;" the second by Rev. H. P. Higley, D. D., on "The Christian Way of Using Wealth."

At the suggestion of Mrs. Warner, a collection was made to the amount of $25, to make Mrs. E. Cash a life member of the W. H. M. U.

The Committee on Nominations made report, which was adopted, as follows:

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On Publication, Rev. J. T. Ford, W. R. Blackman, Rev. W. N. Burr.

For Directors of the Minister's Relief Society of Southern California, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. Elijah Cash, Dea. H. W. Mills, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. W. C. Merrill.

As Delegates to the General Association of California, Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. Samuel Slocombe.

As Delegates to the General Meetings of other Denominations, in each case the Pastor of the First Congregational Church of the place where such meetings may be held.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The public exercises of the W. B. M. P., Southern Branch, Mrs. J. H. Harwood, presiding. Prayer, Mrs. Sturgis.

Report of Home Secretary, Mrs. C. T. Hanson. See appendix E.

Address, Rev. W. De R. Pos, returned Missionary from Africa.

Then followed brief papers and addresses in memory of brethren deceased during the past year:

Of Rev. A. H. Burnell, by Rev. C. S. Vaile. Of Rev. J. G. Hale, by Rev. O. H. Spoor. Of Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, by Rev. R. G. Hutchins. Of Rev. W. A. James, by Rev. F. M. Price. Of Rev. P. Warner, by Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins. See appendix F.

Addresses were made on the subject "Spiritual Power" by Rev. O. D. Crawford, Rev. F. M. Price, Rev. S. Bristol and Rev. J. W. Campbell, D. D.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were adopthd:

Resolved, That this Association recognizes the great importance of better laws regulating the sacred relations of the family, and as a step in this direction we approve the action of the National Divorce Association, inviting a conference of Commissioners to be appointed by the several State Legislatures of our Union, we hear with pleasure that New York and other Eastern States have already made their appointments, and we invite the Ministerial and other Associations of this State to unite in a request to the Legislature of California to appoint Commissioners according to this plan.

Resolved, That it is the mind of this Association that our State Legislature should pass a law at its coming session making one day in seven a legal rest day, and that it is the duty of all church organizations to co-operate with labor organizations to accomplish this end, and that the Secretary of this meeting be instructed to have this resolution published in the daily papers of this city.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are hereby tendered to this Church and community for their generous Christian hospitality, and we pray that the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father may rest on their homes and their labors for Christ.

Resolved, That we appreciate and hereby express our thanks to the Santa Fé and Southern Pacific Railroads, for generous courtesies shown the members of this Association, and to the Press of this city for the publication of its proceedings.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., was elected Delegate to the National Council and empowered to select Substitute in case he could not serve.

The Minutes of this meeting of Association were read and accepted.

By invitation of the Committee of Arrangements, the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor of this vicinity connected with our churches were present, also Boys' Brigade, and were addressed by Reverends F. N. Merriam, F. J. Culver, S. A. Norton and H. D. Wiard, concerning their work for their own members, in the church and for those without.

J. H. Collins, Scribe.

J. T. Ford, Registrar.

APPENDIX.

A.

STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES. SUMMARY OF REPORTS.

By Rev. W. N. Burr.

This report is for the year ending April 1, 1892. Most of the reports from the churches had been received before notice of the postponement of this meeting of the Association reached me. The word from some of the churches since the recent Mills' meetings would, of course, show new life and activity, and numbers not here reported.

I think of our churches as lights shining amid the world's darkness, guiding tempest-tossed, sin-burdened humanity to a haven of rest. There are now sixty-two (62) of these lights in Southern California in the keeping of Congregationalists. Six of these are new lights that have been established during the past year. We find them at Claremont, Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo, Moreno, Mentone and Needles. Of those that are older three have almost ceased to shine. No public services are held by the Congregational Churches of Edgemont, Carlsbad and Ballena. A line that comes to me from a lone light-keeper at Carlsbad explains why work has been suspended at that place, and may point to the cause of dim shining at the other two points. "My wife and daughter and myself," writes the brother, "are the only Congregational members left here. We constitute the Board of Trustees," and he signs himself "Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church at Carlsbad."

The dark background is most thickly studded with lights in and about Los Angeles. One is reminded of "the golden bees of Pleiades" as he turns his face this way. From this

point a line of lights runs northward as far as Bakersfield, another eastward as far as Needles, another southward as far as National City, and to the westward, out to sea, one little light burns bravely all by itself, a few faithful ones on Catalina Island keeping this lamp trimmed the year round.

In a group by themselves, I place seventeen churches that are found in and near Los Angeles. One "bright, particular star" in the midst of this group grows brighter as the months pass. Relieved now of its burden of debt it *can* shine "more and more unto the perfect day." And, by the way, as we stop to look for a moment at our First Church, Los Angeles, we are reminded of the fact that Congregationalism in Southern California reaches its quarter-centennial this year. Our first three lights here began shining in 1867. Los Angeles, First, in the central group; Santa Barbara, in the northern line, San Bernardino, First, in the eastern line, are twenty-five years old this year.

Glancing rapidly at the churches forming the central group, we find most of them have been growing during the year, though two or three report almost as many dismissals as additions. The number received on confession of faith is encouraging. Park Church, Los Angeles, reports four months of feebleness without a pastor, then new life with the coming of the new pastor. Buena Park has built a neat little church, and three other churches of this group have brightened the interior of their buildings with new furnishing. One of these, the East Los Angeles Church, reports that "nearly $2,000.00 has been raised, (in addition to amounts raised for current expenses and benevolent contributions), to wipe out old debts and make repairs." Olivet Church, Los Angeles, reports a Sunday morning prayer meeting at seven o'clock, at which forty persons have been in attendance at one time, never less than three. The light of one church was almost extinguished some months ago by a heavy rain from Christian science clouds; but the clouds are disappearing, and a persevering pastor is kindling the old fires again. One light has been shining on through a black law cloud; and one *reports* nothing but a strange

light, an unorthodox light. Two churches—West End, Los Angeles and Vernondale—report *regular* temperance work, one of these giving five minutes to temperance every Sunday in the Sunday School, circulating the pledge, the other holding a public temperance meeting on the last Sunday evening of each month, under the care of a Band of Hope. In all the churches work among young people is a prominent feature. Nearly all, perhaps all, report Senior or Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor, quite a number having both. Two of the churches of the central group report Boys' Brigades. There may be others that were not reported.

In the line running northward, we count seven lights. Here is Santa Barbara, reporting "a fine chorus choir of twenty voices, nearly all Christians, no choir fights," a strong interest at the prayer meeting maintained through the year in the continuous study of the life of our Lord, following Blakeslee's Outline Studies. It joins this year the noble company of $2.00 per member givers to Home Missions.

Not far away is Ventura, reporting—well, everything: a new pastor in January who was ordained in February, since his coming 24 new members received, 17 on confession of faith, a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society, a Children's Friday Afternoon Class, a Girl's Junior Endeavor Society, the First Ventura Company of the Boys' Brigade, and the Congregational Tennis Association, with a fine court on the church premises. Repairs and new furnishing are reported and they have new hymn books—that popular book with the Latin name published by the Century Company. Surely the Ventura Church has reason for singing "Praises to God." Nordhoff, near by, shines on with 40 resident members, 16 added during the year, 8 on confession, 13 dismissed. Nordhoff is another new name this year on the list of $2.00 per member Home Mission givers.

Saticoy is a bright little light in this vicinity, a courageous little church that is taking care of itself, asking no aid from the Home Mission Treasury.

San Miguel, farther north, reports a roll of 35 members,

with but 14 resident members, however. "The past year is marked by the greatest loss of membership we have experienced in all our history," writes the light keeper at San Miguel. This loss was caused by removals, but the little church has not been working in vain, for it has two members in the Theological Seminary at Oakland, as students, and two others who are preparing themselves for the ministry.

These two other lights at the northern end of this line are Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo—new lights, both of them, that have just begun their shining.

Turning now to the eastward, we count 21 lights. In one way or another there has been growth all along this line during the year. Almost every church reports an increase in attendance at the Sabbath services. The pastor of the largest of these churches, (Riverside), writes: The growth of the church during the past year has been greater than during any one of my seven years' pastorate here." From one of the smallest churches, (Halleck) comes this report: "Every member of the church of a year ago has moved away and others have come in. About one-half of the congregation is new. This leaves us in one respect much weaker than we were a year ago, for while our congregations are nearly twice as large, our working force has been greatly reduced by removals." One of these churches, (San Bernardino Bethel,) has built a new house of worship the past year. It has been said that no church can put up a building without a quarrel; but here we seem to find an exception to this rule. The report comes that the members of this church are "united, harmonious, and aggressive, while the influence of the church and its services on the indifferent and unbelieving community is very marked. All are friendly. New families (from among unbelievers) are continually appearing in our services. Swearing is not so popular, Sabbath breaking less conspicuous, neighborhood quarrels disappearing, and the saloons beaten back. Everybody is beginning to feel that the gospel of Christ is a wonderful solvent into which the community being dipped comes forth beautiful and pure."

Two of our churches in this division, (Perris and South Riverside,) have divided twice during the year with other denominations that have organized new churches in these two communities, and yet our churches there have larger congregations than one year ago; and one church, (Pomona) has given 25 from its membership and 60 from its congregation and Sunday School to help form the new church at Claremont, and yet the attendance at Pomona is not less, and the Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday School are larger than before. Three or four church buildings have been dedicated, quite a number have been repaired and improved with new furnishing, several have contributed $2.00 per member to Home Missions, and two—Monrovia and Sierra Madre—that have heretofore received Home Mission aid have voted not to ask for aid this year.

To the southward 13 lights. The leading church in this division, (San Diego, First), reports "a year of spiritual growth, a considerable gain in attendance at the Sabbath services, and a growing loyalty to the church. Prayer meetings well attended; Sunday school growing; over $3,000.00 raised for home expenditures, and over $1,000.00 for missions." This church received 21 on confession of faith during the year, and has made a net gain in membership of 33.

"Holding our own" seems to be a common expression with the pastors of the churches of this division. Almost all of them make use of it in their reports. Says the pastor of the Second Church, San Diego: "Unfortunately for our work here we have again had our hopes of any material increase of population in our district dashed by the commercial crisis through which we are passing. * * * Yet I am thankful to say we are holding our own until improvement comes." These words would seem to describe the condition of most of the churches along this southern line. National City reports: "The usual routine of work goes on. A few received by letter, a few more on confession of faith. More deaths than in all five years previous." Spring Valley and Jamul: "All goes well; the outlook

hopeful." Chula Vista: "There is very little to say concerning our little church except that the congregations at preaching services are very visibly larger than they were six months ago." Oceanside: "Taking all points into consideration, we are, materially and spiritually, just so, so." De Luz: "Our little church has been growing slowly, but surely. The last year has been the best." Encinitas: "We have taken in during the year ten new members, six on confession of faith; have dismissed by letter five; total membership now fifteen. The community as a whole feel differently toward the church and church people than ever before." Poway: "The year under consideration has been a discouraging year for this valley. A number of people have removed, some from financial embarrassment. We have received no new members during the year designated, and have lost three by removal and death." Dehesa: "It has been a hard year for us, and our rejoicing is in that we have, by the blessing of God, been able to hold our own." San Diego, Second, reports an evening congregation brought from an average of 20 to an average of 120 by means of special lantern services. The clerk of one of the churches writes: "Our church has done little but to exist, and that under trying circumstances. We have gained seven members, and by death and removal lost five."

Thus, in brief, have the churches reported. Now to recapitulate somewhat: We find we have 62 churches, including the three that are in a state of suspended animation, (church organization still continues at these three places,) and the six new churches organized during the year, none of which have yet joined Association. With most of the churches the year has been one of steady growth, though some of the smaller ones, in communities where there has been no increase in population have barely held their own, some not quite doing that. There have been a number of changes in the pastorate, and these have been confined to churches of what may be called the middle class, as to size. The largest churches and the very small-

est ones have "held their own" in this regard better than the churches of medium size.

Up to the time of the recent meetings conducted by B. Fay Mills no very marked revival effort has been reported for the year. Some of the churches have held special services; many report only the ordinary work. On the whole, it has been a year of hopeful effort and steady progress, of both material and spiritual gain.

B.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

By Rev. J. T. Ford, Supt.

The report of our work for the year ending April 1, 1892, must be a report not so much of progress as of preparation for progress; not so much of decisive conquering action, as of clearing the decks for action. Several churches, both aided and self-supporting, have lifted burdensome debts. Some have pruned their church lists, increasing in strength by lessening their numbers. In others, old sores of discord have been healed, and thus in different ways impediments to progress have been removed and the way of the Lord prepared.

If the whole story of our church life for 1891 were told in the tables of membership gathered for the Year Book, it would be a sad one as compared with the record of the three preceding years. Our net gain in members for the calendar year 1888, was 845; for '89 it was 640; for '90, 528; but for '91 only 282, not half the average gain of the three preceding years. If we count only the numbers received on confession of faith we find in '88, 355; in '89, 430; in '90, 420, an average of more than 400 per year, and of about eight per church for each year. But in 1891 we find only 276 received on confession, an average of less than four and three-quarters per church.

We have been accustomed to reckon our increase by confession as greater per church, than the average for the Con-

gregational churches of our country as a whole, but for '91 we fell far behind their average, which by the advance summaries of the Year Book is more than six per church. This may, and doubtless does, signify remissness on our part. And yet in the case of many of our churches, was it not the receding step to gain impetus for progress—the lull before the abundant showers of blessing that are now being poured out upon this people?

To go back and review the past year in the presence of the Lord's wonder working here and now, is like asking "Watchman, what of the night?" when the glory of the morning has already dawned. But the night cometh as well as the morning, and the day work of the present year has its roots in the night of the year that is past.

Let us then, leaving those general considerations which affect all the churches, review specifically our mission work for the past year in its bearing upon the opportunities and responsibilities of the year upon which we have entered. At the beginning of the year it was evident that unless our collections should increase, or our mission churches receive less aid than heretofore, we should have no margin for new work. But the Lord set new work before us so plainly that we could not neglect it without guilt.

In Los Angeles, near the center of the city, East and Southeast of the Plaza, was a region of about 3000 inhabitants speaking many tongues; most of them poor and without the gospel. No church there, many saloons, some parts of the region reeking with corruption. A Sunday School had been maintained there for several years by our First Church, but had made little apparent impression upon the neighborhood—the work had been done at arms length; no continued systematic visitation had been carried on. It had become increasingly evident that more must be done, or our work there might be subject to ridicule, as a school boy attempts to batter down Gibralter with spitballs. Just then the Lord sent us a missionary or rather a family of missionaries; they had done faithful service for several years in China, but now must work, if at all, in the more genial

climate of California. They had been trained for city mission work by labor in the Bohemian Mission at Cleveland. For the first year, at least, until health should be restored, the Foreign Mission Board would furnish half their support. Here was the call—here was the very man to answer the call. Here was half support for the beginning of his work. Who would furnish the rest? We did not wait for the answer to this inquiry. In these providential indications we heard the Lord's call. Nothing was left for us but to go forward, walking by faith if we could not walk by sight. The work is begun. The Lord has blessed it with His converting presence. A church is practically gathered, soon to be formally organized. New expenditures are required—a lot to be purchased, and the building enlarged for counter attractions to the saloon, and every day gospel work.

For several years we have made report that there was, in our Home Mission District, much land yet to be possessed, which we could not enter because work already begun required all the money at our command. During the latter part of the year, calls from these neglected regions began to multiply and to become so imperative that we could neglect them no longer.

This is the substance of the appeal from San Luis Obispo County: 16,000 inhabitants, the county only imperfectly occupied by other denominations; many settlements with no preaching of the Word; only one Congregational Church in the whole county; population nearly doubled during the last decade; greater *prospective* increase, because gaps in railroad connection with the outside world were soon to be filled; county town of 3,000 inhabitants with four Protestant Churches, set over against sixty places for the sale of intoxicating drinks. Letters come urging these facts as reasons for beginning our work without delay, if we would do our part for the redemption of that county. We were constrained to employ a county missionary to prepare the way for more permanent work. We have now a church organized at the county seat—San Luis Obispo—with a

pastor already at work and enthusiastically hopeful for future growth.

The call from Kern County came substantially as follows: Resources in land and water for fruit culture sufficient for an immense population; only about 10,000 now, because the land has been held in large ranches; one of these containing 400,000 acres now being divided and sold to settlers; vineyards for raisins, alfalfa for dairy farming extensively planted; prospect of phenomenal growth in population; no Congregational Church in the county; county town of 4,000 inhabitants under the dominion of the saloon; railroad shops moving thither from Tulare carrying with them several Congregational members. Letter after letter came urging these considerations. We could not lightly put the call aside by saying, "We've no money for new work." We said rather, "The time is ripe, the churches will recognize the call to work there and will answer it in their contributions." A church has been organized in Bakersfield, the county town. It has an efficient pastor, a church building in sight, several out stations, and bids fair to be the mother of many churches.

Later, another call came from Needles, a railroad town of 700 inhabitants, on the desert, near the Colorado river. It has been growing for many years with no Protestant religious service. Here are the headquarters and repair shops of two divisions on the A. and P. R. R. Within the past year many families have been added to the settlement and many houses built. Word came that certain Christian women had started a Sunday School, had formed a society to raise money to build a church and wanted a minister. They were sixty miles from the nearest Protestant church. We felt that we had no alternative but to aid this work already begun in a place so destitute of gospel privileges. They have organized a Congregational church, have a minister and are moving to build a house of worship. Two other churches have been organized through Home Missionary effort in promising settlements in San Bernardino county—

Moreno and Mentone. The former became self-supporting on the completion of its organization.

Add the church at Claremont, a colony from the Pomona church, organized apart from our mission work, and we have our list increased by six new churches during the year under review, four of which require mission aid.

We thank God that we are no longer compelled to reiterate the old story of vast regions in the Northern and Eastern parts of our districts not yet entered by our work. But this advance opens to us new opportunities and calls for larger consecration, perhaps will perplex us with added difficulties. The three churches planted at these distant and widely separated points are there to become centers of influence, each to multiply churches in the regions round about; not only to call for aid this year, but for more aid in years to come.

Another cheering fact should be noted, whch is nevertheless likely to increase our outlays for the present year. Just at this opening of the year, several of our churches are pushing for houses of worship—Bakersfield, Chula Vista, Mentone, Needles, Rialto and San Luis Obispo, and it will not be a strange thing if this should mean for us smaller Home Mission collections in these churches, and in some cases increase of aid.

Another fact not cheering in itself should be added: Two churches lately reported as having attained self-support now ask again for aid. Two others for a long time self-supporting, say that their prosperity, if not their existence, is imperilled unless aid is granted.

Thus we have before us these new claims upon our treasury. What is our prospect for satisfying these claims? The effort made last year to reduce expenditures by yoking churches though less successful than we hoped, resulted in a release of at least $800 for new work. Among our aided churches there is a more manifest movement toward self-support than at any time before during the last three years. Of fifteen applications already made, eight ask less than last year, others accept less at the suggestion of our Home

Mission Committee. The reduction made in this way amounts thus far to $600. We hope for greater reduction on applications yet to be presented.

It is not always easy to discern whether an aided church enters with such enthusiam into the great Home Mission work, as to contribute cheerfully all it can for pastoral support, and subtract as little as possible from our avails for new and needed work. It has been charged that some churches in some parts of the country are content to lean upon the Home Missionary Society when they might better walk alone. There would be danger of unjust aspersion if we should endeavor to single out each particular church to which this charge would fitly apply. We may not say that the church which raises least per member is most delinquent. For one church raising $10 per member may contribute more generously than another raising $20 per member. Yet when a church falls behind the average of our Home Mission Churches in its collections for pastoral support, it may well inquire whether it is not lacking either in the personal consecration or in the systematic effort needed to enable it to fulfill its part.

The average amount per resident member pledged last year for pastoral support by our Home Missionary Churches was $11.13. Sixteen of these churches raised sums exceeding that average. Some examples among these are noteworthy. One church, most of whom are poor, and have only precarious means of subsistence, raised at the average rate of $13.46 per resident member. Another, in an agricultural region where returns from the cultivation of the soil are moderate and uncertain, $17.14 per resident member. Another in like region where incomes from the soil are hardly more abundant, $22.58 per resident member.

Another example may be added, not of an aided church but of a church that escaped dependence on Home Mission aid by collecting for its pastor at the average rate of $30 per member. This also was in an agricultural region—had twenty members, only four of whom were males, and none of them are believed to have more than moderate incomes.

We have examples where the rate per member is even greater, but these four are chosen because they are believed to have had no peculiar advantages for collecting money outside the membership of the church. In each case the result appears to have been secured by earnest, systematic, consecrated effort. But it may be doubted whether any of these churches greatly exceeded the standard appointed by the Lord for all Israel, the tenth of their income specifically for the support of their ministry. If all our churches should this year attain this standard, should we not rejoice in a grand movement toward self-support, and in an overflow of money for work in destitute fields? Our outlook for progress lies along this line. Let us cultivate a holy ambition for self-support. Let no church be willing to fall below the average rate of its sister churches for the last year. Especially let no church be willing to fall below the standard appointed by the Lord for those newly emancipated slaves in the wilderness of Sinai. Let us do this, making in addition our standard contribution for Home Mission work, and the new claims upon us will not fail to be satisfied.

Now, what is the prospect for Home Missionary contributions this year? If we judge only by the summary of results for the past year we must look forward with distrustful apprehension. We have fallen behind the aggregate of last year. Then we reported contributions to the amount of $4,497.28. This year we report only $4,017.11, more than $480 less than last year. But were it not that two of our churches, accustome dto give most largely, had been engaged in exhaustive efforts to lift the burden of ruinous debts, and were it not that one of these, as a result of a laudable effort to help another church, sent in its collection too late to be credited to the year ending April 1, 1892, we could doubtless report an aggregate considerably greater than that of the preceding year. If these two churches had contributed only as much as they did the year before, we could report an advance of more than $200.

The prospect then is not really darkened, for the removal of these debts means larger contributions in the com-

ing year. Another favorable indication is that more and more of our churches attain the rate of $2 per member in their Home Mission collections. Three years ago we reported six churches; two years ago ten churches; one year ago thirteen churches; this year nineteen churches. These are Compton, Encinitas, Halleck, Hyde Park, West End, Nordhoff, Ontario, Pasadena North, Perris, Pomona, Lugonia Terrace, San Bernardino—Bethel, San Diego 2d., San Jacinto, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, South Riverside, Ventura and Villa Park. Four others fell only a trifle short of this standard.

We rejoice in the progress made along this line. We rejoice all the more because it is just this rate of contribution per member that seems to be imperatively needed in our Southern California work. Bear with us then if we keep this standard before the churches. If it be attained this year we can meet the demands for work immediately pressing upon us. If it be not attained, we cannot enter doors of opportunity that are open for us, and the progress of our work is hindered.

Another favorable indication is in the increasing power of woman's work for Home Missions. A good Woman's Home Mission Society is a center of information, enthusiasm and systematic activity, that will wonderfully enlighten, kindle and transform a church. The admirable appeals that went out from the officers of our Woman's Home Missionary Union, saved us from falling hopelessly behind our estimate of collections to be raised in the churches in the year just closed. The next step is the employment of woman missionaries in the field. The Vermont experiment is no longer an experiment. The employment of woman missionaries for household visitation, for school house meetings and even more public evangelistic services seem to have become there a permanent institution followed by most beneficent results. Woman's enthusiasm for Home Missions here will not stop with collecting money. It will enlarge the mission force itself—will enlarge the range, variety, and effectiveness of our Home Mission work.

Still another favorable indication is found in the fact that by special contributions made by one or two persons we have an evangelist in our field, ready to help pastors in special services, ready also for mission work in destitute places. We thank God that when we had no money in our treasury to support an evangelist, he put it into the heart of one or two men to contribute so much toward the support of Dr. Harwood that with the added collections of the field he may be able to continue in the work. We pray that many more men may be moved to send each his missionary or his evangelist into the field.

Finally, the most favorable indication is the presence and manifest power of the spirit of God among our people. We regard the revival work of the past month as a ripening harvest of the patient sowing of missionaries of different churches during these many years. So far as the work is genuine it means more abundant sowing and richer harvests yet to come. The baptism of power will baptize the pocket book as well as the hand and the tongue, and consecrated money and consecrated lives will redeem our desert wastes and make them a garden of the Lord.

C.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

Report of Secretary, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent.

In reviewing the history of the Union during its four years of existence, we may feel, I think, that it is making a healthy growth. We began with but three officers, no assured number of auxiliaries, and a very vague notion of how much a Home Missionary Union was expected to do in the world. We have studied the work, and the ways of working, until our conceptions have now emerged somewhat from their mistiness, and become distinct plans, far in advance, as yet, of our ability to work them out. Yet this, too, has grown somewhat greater. Our work is classified and officered to meet what seem to be the most essential demands.

We have auxiliaries in every self-supporting church but one, and in nearly half of the mission churches. In several of these, also, we have the Societies of Christian Endeavor and Mission Bands of children. To these auxiliaries belong some women and young people, to all of whom has come some touch, at least, of missionary zeal and knowledge, which but for us they might not have felt.

As we have come to better understand ourselves, we believe that we are better understood by the pastors. Although we have received both courtesy and respect at all times, we suspect that four years ago they had no very clear vision of the necessity for our existence. We are glad of the opportunity to thank them again for their recognition and confidence.

Our money contributions, which may be considered as at least partially indicative of our usefulness, have shown a steady gain—being the first year $300, the second, $800, the third, $1,200, the fourth, $1,500.

We feel at this time, more than we have ventured to do before, that our organization may be assumed to be fairly established, and that it may plan more courageously than heretofore.

At our business meeting this morning, therefore, we resolved to pledge the following sums:

Bethlehem Mission, L. A.	$600 00
Church at the Needles	200 00
Chinese Work, by Dr. Pond	200 00
Church Building Society	100 00
Scholarships in Pomona College	90 00
S. S. Society, by Mr. Case	60 00
	$1250 00

We hope to raise a sum larger by one-half than this, but it seemed wise to pledge no more. The sentiment of the meeting was that the sum for The Needles should be increased if circumstances justify.

It is hoped that our small gifts may be the more useful by being thus pledged beforehand, and therefore to be relied

upon by the much suffering officials, from whose load of responsibility this small but real portion is taken.

Furthermore, a missionary with a local habitation and a name, is, to most people, a more satisfactory recipient of benefactions than an indefinite share in many missionaries, upon whom we cannot, even metaphorically, lay our hands. We shall hope, therefore, to find the interest of our constituency increased by this plan. If so, the result will be in the direction of our chief desire. The aim to arouse the missionary interest of the church women, though from the first recognized, was subordinate. As the years go on, however, we have come to think that the *especial* mission of organizations like ours is the increase of missionary knowledge, the emphasis of the missionary idea, and the promotion of the missionary spirit. It is true that the result and the test of these efforts will appear in missionary gifts and labors, but our immediate aim is at causes rather than effects. The road appears to be direct and simple. It seems only necessary to present, not appeal, but the facts—of the need and the inadequate resources—of the harvest so great and the laborers so few. Yet this task, though simple, is not easy, for it is not enough to place the information within the reach of all —they must be induced to read and to hear.

To do this requires much ingenuity and faithfulness. As one means, we have appointed a Superintendent of Literature, who watches for the best and most recent matter relative to the work all over our country, and sends frequent supplies to our auxiliaries, for use in their gatherings. She who complains of uninteresting missionary meetings nowadays must speak from theory only.

As another means, we have organized a separate department for work among the children—the church of twenty years hence. Our last step has been to elect a Vice-President for each county. She will familiarize herself with the churches of her county, and hold a meeting at some time during the year, to which, owing to the lesser expense of travel, the women can go in considerable numbers. We trust that these meetings will reach many who cannot

catch the impetus of our Annual Meetings, and thus hasten the end for which we seek.

Christianity demands that we should care for and relieve those less favored than ourselves. Patriotism demands that we should apply the sovereign remedy of Christian teaching to the evils which threaten our country. We work for a day when our churches shall be schools wherein both shall be learned by every woman and every child who comes under their influence.

So shall we help to fulfill our prophecy and promise—"The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending May 25, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES.

Los Angeles First—		
Senior Auxiliary	$311 35	
Young Ladies' Society	5 00	
Y. P. S. C. E	7 00—	$323 35
Los Angeles Third		2 15
Los Angeles Park		25 00
Los Angeles West End—		
Senior Auxiliary	19 05	
Mission Band	5 77—	24 82
Pasadena First—		
Senior Auxiliary	58 40	
Mission Band	2 50—	60 90
Pasadena North—		
Senior Auxiliary	16 98	
Y. P. S. C. E	2 71—	19 69
Santa Monica		15 00
Vernondale		34 00
Long Beach		45 00
Pomona		37 50

Claremont		7 00
Compton		37 00
Sierra Madre		10 00
Monrovia		5 00
Buena Park		5 00
Santa Ana		15 00
		$666 41

SANTA BARBARA AND VENTURA COUNTIES.

Santa Barbara		$150 53
Nordhoff		11 00
Ventura		27 00
		$188 53

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

San Bernardino		$ 13 15
Redlands—		
Auxiliary	50 00	
A Friend	5 00—	55 00
Riverside—		
Auxiliary	180 00	
S. S. Rally	14 85—	194 85
Messina		5 00
Ontario		29 50
*San Jacinto		40 35
*Perris		51 00
*Included here for convenience.		$388 85

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

San Diego First	$55 00
San Diego Second	7 00
Escondido	24 00
Poway	37 00
National City	10 00
	$133 00

DONATIONS.

Mrs. J. T. Ford	$110 00	
Mrs. E. S. Williams	25 00—	$135 00

COLLECTIONS.

At District and County Meetings	$25 10

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Los Angeles and Orange Counties	$666 41
Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties	188 53
San Bernardino County	388 85
San Diego County	133 00
Donations	135 00
Collections	25 10
	$1536 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

American Home Missionary Society		$993 17
American Missionary Association		241 05
College and Education Society		145 00
Church Building Society		30 50
Expenses—		
Traveling Expenses of President	$50 00	
Printing	14 25	
Postage, Stationery, etc	21 02	
Life Membership Certificates	23 00	108 27
		$1517 99
Cash on hand		18 90
		$1536 89

MRS. E. A. SPENCER, Treasurer.
FANNIE HUTCHINS, Auditor.

TREASURY NOTES.

$1,800 is our aim for the year. $1,250 is pledged.

Money is specially needed early in the year.

The fiscal year ends one week before the Annual Meeting.

Money cannot be credited unless sent through the Union Treasury. Our auxiliaries gave last year some hundreds more than appear in the Treasurer's Report.

D.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By Rev. H. P. Case, Dist. Supt. of the Cong'l. S. S. and Publishing Society.

I. The Situation.

A statistical report is appended. It was summarized for the year of 1891 with a few additions from new schools up to date. Eighty-seven schools are on our list, enrolling a total of 6,425 members, 52 as Church schools, 35 as Mission, Independent or Union. Most of them are in a flourishing condition. Three are temporarily suspended. Two are among the Mission Indians. In 43 schools the Superintendent is an officer of the Church, the ideal relation.

II. Work Being Done.

1. *Equipments.*—Thirty-two schools have libraries, mostly of the new and tested books of our Publishing Society. Such books, of which there are now over 700 on our list, are thoroughly examined by two reading committees and are above criticism. Sixty-six use Congregational Lesson Helps and papers, than which none are better. The "Pilgrim" Lesson Helps were the first to introduce the "Inductive" method of study, and the scholar will find all he can do in the suggested "Lesson Work for the Week" and in the "Lesson Studies and Questions." Twenty-seven schools reported using the "Outline Lessons," a series of additional studies published during the year in the Pilgrim Quarterlies, a most useful summary of Bible History, the Life of Christ and Christian Doctrine. It is a great pity that any school neglects them. A few schools have Maps and Charts of Bible Lands and Facts. The Primary S. S. work is better equipped than ever; 22 schools furnish a separate room and special helps, as music, Bible illustrations and attractive cards.

2. *Instruction.*—Figures cannot fairly set forth the amount or kind of instruction given. In these 87 schools are gathered a grand brigade of over 6,000 Bible students.

Fifty-two times in a year over 4,000 scholars are by 800 teachers and officers taught from the open Bible something about God, man, sin, salvation and the loving Savior. Special instruction upon the evils of intemperance is given in several schools in addition to what all are teaching by using the temperance lesson which now comes in regular course in the Quarterlies. In many schools the golden texts are thoroughly memorized and fully reviewed at close of the Quarter. In others, the names and order of the Books of the Bible are carefully learned. In a few schools "written lessons" are required, and fifty schools report holding Quarterly Reviews.

3. *Results and Fruits.*—Only a few things can be put into a Report. Finances are as follows: Total money raised by the schools, $4,615.17. Of this $1,085.84 are reported as "Benevolences," $460.97 of which was given by 43 schools to the missionary work of the Cong. S. S. & P. Society.

Of spiritual results the statistics report but 148 scholars added to church membership. Probably twice as many more have been added between the time the statistics were gathered and the time of this writing. Probably one-third of the harvest of the "Mills Meetings" is from our S. S. fields.

Character-forming, no less than Confession of Christ, is an invaluable result of our S. S. labors. And this is both negative and positive. Richard Baxter, "the Saint," used to exclaim on seeing a sot in the gutter, "There, but for the grace of God, is Richard Baxter!" But for the preventive work of the S. S. a hundred more Southern California boys and girls, would, during the past year, have been sent to the Reform School! Is not prevention of moral lapses of character a grand end to be sought by our S. S. labors? Positively, also, thousands of boys and girls in our Sunday Schools have been trained in the Christly virtues of purity, temperance, obedience, honesty and love. Probably, an average of one-third of all Sunday School scholars are unconfessed Christians, and, if the right tests were wisely used, could be led into the public service of Christ.

III. Recommendations.

1. Let our S.S. workers seek for more immediate, spiritual results. The Word of God "is able to make wise unto salvation." But the teacher should be so filled with the Spirit that, like Peter preaching to Cornelius' household, while he yet speaks the Word, the Holy Spirit shall bring the hearer into the joy of salvation.

2. Let us have better equipment. Let all workers consult as to the best *methods* of S. S. services and the *helps* to study and teaching. For the Primary Class let abundance of appliances and the best possible teacher be supplied. Besides the Helps which can be purchased with money, a "Teachers' Meeting" which costs time, patience, sacrifice and firm resolution is essential.

3. Let us have a S. S. "Rally Day." For most schools, the first Sunday of October would be the right time. Let it be a time when every officer, teacher and scholar is expected to be in his place. Let the program of work, study, benevolence, special methods and general purposes for the next nine months be in hand and fully stated. Let there be a good S. S. concert exercise, if necessary to rouse the enthusiasm.

4. S. S. "Extension."—In several States our S. S. committees are preparing agressive work, somewhat after the idea of the "University Extension" plan. In a dozen places in Southern California a two days meeting could profitably be held, if our pastors and workers would co-operate. There should be a rallying, at the specified place, of our S. S. teachers, and a half dozen pastors and workers should give lesson-lectures on the Bible and methods of S. S. work. What with study, prayer and goodly fellowship, our workers should be greatly helped and new workers trained up.

IV. The Congregational S. S. and Publishing Society.

For the year ending March 1st, 1892, in its

1. *Business Department.*—Sales amounted to $250,000 in round numbers. Besides being self-supporting, it turned $3,000 into the Missionary Department. All patronage of our own Publishing House is in some amount a contribution

to our Missionary Work. Its periodicals increased by 30,000 last year. It published religious papers in four languages besides English.

2. In its Missionary Department it employed 39 Superintendents and Missionaries whose total labor amounted to 27½ years. By them, 515 new schools were organized enrolling more than 20,000 new scholars, and 1,462 other schools were aided by visits, counsel and grants of literature amounting to $11,491.94. The total income of the Missionary Department was $62,055.65, and the expenditures $61,690.77, leaving a little less than $400, balance in the treasury. This Society depends almost wholly upon the annual gifts of the living, less than 8 per cent. of its receipts being from legacies. It does not depend upon an annual "emergency"—a debt long due to its suffering missionaries—as an incentive to greater offerings from its friends. "No debt" is its rule, and it believes that its economical and prudent housekeeping will, in the end, win the $100,000, recommended to it by the last National Council.

3. The briefest synopsis of *Personal Work as Dist. Supt. for S. Calif.* must suffice: During the 12 months ending June 1st, 1892, we have organized 14 schools and revived or re-organized 4 others. We have made gifts of literature to 57 schools at a cost of $185. Have visited 47 schools and made 168 addresses and sermons. Have traveled over 7,000 miles, with only $370.88 for traveling and office expenses.

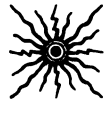
Of the work needing to be done only a word. So long as there are 20,000 children in our Southern California not attending any place of Bible-study there is need of an S. S. Missionary. For the continuance of this work 42 schools have promised a "Children's Day" Contribution. Will it aggregate one-third the total expense for the coming year? We shall soon know! Surely, if the churches and friends of our work should bear their part it would be more than done!

But we want not only money to meet the expenses of travel and supplies of literature, but your hearty co-opera-

tion. Let pastors, laymen, school teachers, travelers send us word of any community needing a S. S. It shall be our business and pleasure to get there and establish one.

Give us your co-operation also in carrying on the schools we establish. Several pastors are so doing, cordially aiding our work and enlarging their own.

Always let us have your prayers for wisdom and grace to do the most and best so that "all thy children shall be taught of God."



S. S. STATISTICS OF LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION FOR 1891.

	Name and Location of School	Name of Superintendent	Officers	Teachers	Total Attend'nce	Church and Supt.	Children's Day?	Scholars Joining Ch	Teachers Meeting?	Library	Using Cong. Help	Contribu'n to Cong. S. S. & P. S.	Total Benevolence	For Self-Support
U.	Acton, S. S.	Jas. Robertson, Ravenna P. O.	4	5	54	.....	yes	.....	.....	yes	yes	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$65.11
Ch.	First Cong., Avalon	J. Stamford.	5	4	60	elects	yes	1	...	yes	yes	10.00	12.25	72.75
Ch.	First Cong., Buena Park	John Tanner	3	5	68	elects	yes	5	yes	.....	yes	2 50	61.50	23.45
Ch.	First Cong., Compton	J. B. Lossing	5	7	102	elects	yes	2	.....	.....	yes	8.32	8.32	62.71
E.—Ch.	Eagle Rock	G. E. Myers, Station A, Los Angeles	4	4	58	.....	yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ch.	First Cong., Hyde Park	F. B. Clark	3	3	30	elects	yes	.....	.....	yes	yes	.....	25.00	29.45
Ch.	First Cong., Long Beach	Rev. R. M. Webster	2	3	50	elects	yes	4	yes	yes	yes	12.16	17.16	29.00
Ch.	First Cong., Los Angeles	Don A. Judd.	8	27	501	elects	yes	15	yes	yes	yes	21.32	122.04	271.70
Ch.	Park, Los Angeles	J. H. Venning	3	12	95	.....	yes	.....	yes	yes	.....	8.05	8.05	.....
Ch.	Third, Los Angeles	R. L. McCarty	4	14	237	elects	yes	11	yes	.....	yes	20.00	45.00	96.30
Ch.	East, Los Angeles	Mrs. L. P. Bradford	12	20	286	elects	yes	.....	yes	yes	yes	10.00	20 00	225.42
E.—Ch.	Plymouth, Los Angeles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
E.—Ch.	Olivet, Los Angeles	H. M. Cain	5	7	112	elects	yes	.....	yes	yes	yes	5.68	.....	40.00
Ch.	West End, Los Angeles	Wm. H. Carey.	7	6	90	elects	yes	2	yes	.....	yes	7.00	18.00	82.17
M.	Bethlehem, Los Angeles	Mrs. S. J. Price	3	9	87	elects	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	25.00
E.—M.	Endeavor of E. Los Angeles Cong.	Frank Civille	4	6	85	elects	yes	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	25.00
Ch.	First Cong , Pico Heights	W. N. Best.	4	6	68	elects	yes	.....	.....	.....	yes	4.45	6.95	42.09
Ch.	Pilgrim Cong., Pomona	E. P. Shaw.	6	9	154	elects	yes	9	yes	yes	yes	24.50	57.10	99.10
Ch.	First Cong., Monrovia	R. H. Wilson, Duarte	4	6	60	.....	yes	3	.....	.....	yes	5.36	9.36	25.00
Ch.	First Cong., Pasadena	Arthur Hamilton	8	14	192	elects	yes	6	yes	yes	yes	13.15	38.15	147.74
Ch.	North, S. S., Pasadena	J. H. Woodworth	3	6	55	elects	yes	6	.....	yes	yes	3.00	3.00	34.00
Ch.	First Cong., Nordhoff	F. P. Barrows	5	7	77	elects	yes	.....	.....	yes	yes	5.10	5.10	85.00
Ch.	First Cong., Ventura	John Arnell	4	8	109	elects	yes	4	.....	.....	.....	25.00	25.00	106.65
Ch.	First Cong., Saticoy	Geo. R. Walden	6	6	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	yes	5 00	5.00	20.00
Ch.	First Cong., Santa Barbara	Chas. P. Low	4	10	98	elects	yes	1	yes	.....	yes	22.20	89.83	75.00
Ch.	First Cong., Sierra Madre	J. C. Dickson	6	5	86	elects	yes	.....	.....	yes	yes	11.80	17.21	46.54
Ch.	First Cong., Santa Ana	F. B. Barnes.	5	7	80	elects	yes	2	.....	yes	yes	8.95	8.95	46.65
Ch.	First Cong., Santa Monica	James Gray	4	6	80	elects	yes	3	.....	.....	yes	13.00	35.66	48.96
Ch.	First Cong., Villa Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ch.	First Cong., Vernondale	R. H. Stone	4	10	123	elects	yes	5	yes	yes	yes	14.30	30.79	59.70
Ch.	Westminster Bible School	G. C. Mack	5	7	72	elects	yes	.....	.....	yes	yes	5.60	25.60	41.29
Ch.	First Cong., San Miguel	Hattie L. Davis, Sec'y.	6	5	74	elects	yes	2	.....	yes	.....	.....	31.90	54.44
Ch.	First Cong., Claremont	F. P. Brackett, Supt.	4	5	101	elects	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	2.87
M.	Tajauta	R. S. Ramsaur, Florence P. O.	5	6	76	elects	yes	.....	.....	.....	yes	5.02	5.0	39.60
M.	Harmony	L. Scofield, Los Angeles	3	3	46	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	.....
E.—M.	Deerfield, Cong.	Miss G. F. Billings, Sec'y, Fairmont P. O.	3	3	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	.....
E.—M.	Spadra Union	Mr. Ensign	3	4	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	.....
E.—U.	Ocean View, Westminster	.....	3	3	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
M.	Orangethorpe	John Tanner, Buena Park	3	4	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.	Palmdale	Mrs. M. E. Smiley.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ch.	Bakersfield	F. C. Parke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M.	Lake View, Kern Co.	S. M. Morrison.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M.	Poso, Kern Co.	Mrs M. M. Huntington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ch.	San Luis Obispo	Thomas Dawson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M.	Corral de Piedra	Miss O. Haskins, Sec'y, Edna P. O.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M.	Independence	T. L. Mason, Supt., San Miguel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M.	Santa Margarita	A. W. Bryant, Sec'y	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

S. S. STATISTICS OF SAN BERNARDINO CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR 1891.

	Name and Location of School	Name of Superintendent	Officers	Teachers	Total Attendance	Church and Sup't.	Children's Day.	Scholars Joining Ch.	Teachers Meeting?	Library	Using Cong. Help	Contribu'n to Cong. S. S. & P. S.	Total Benevolence	For Self-Support
M.....	Crafton, Mentone P. O.	A. T. Shearer	5	3	53	.....	....	....	....	yes	yes	.....	$ 5.00	$18.59
U.....	Chula Vista	M. L. Ward	...	...	...	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
U.....	Dehesa	Richard Smith	7	5	54	.....	....	....	....	yes	....	.....	.....	28.50
U.....	De Luz	Rev. H. M. Daniels	5	2	25	.....	yes	1	....	yes	....	$ 3.16	17.16	13.30
Ch.....	Encinitas	Rev. J. A. Rogers	5	4	29	elects	yes	1	....	....	yes	.....	8.00	37.00
Ch.....	Escondido	N. J. Rice	6	7	93	elects	yes	..	....	yes	yes	3.15	17.15	30.46
U.....	Highland, Messina P. O.	S. H. Barrett	5	12	155	.....	....	9	yes	yes	....	5.30	31.90	70.87
Ch.....	San Jacinto	G. A. Webber	7	8	102	elects	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	20.00	20.00	67 30
Ch.....	Jamul	Wm. R. Saxton	4	4	33	elects	yes	....	....	....	....	3.55	5.00	6.00
Ch.....	Moreno	Chas. E. Richards	3	5	43	elects	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
Ch.....	Lugonia Terrace	C. H. Lathrop, Redlands P. O.	6	5	60	elects	yes	2	....	yes	yes	11.00	11.00	54.56
Ch.....	National City	Dr. H. T. Risdon	4	8	61	elects	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	12.00	12.00	44.10
Ch.....	Ontario	Joseph Johnston	5	9	84	.....	yes	3	yes	yes	yes	15 00	20.00	61.54
Ch.....	Halleck	Rev. S. Edwards	6	2	43	elects	yes	....	yes	....	yes	.....	5.00	2.00
Ch.....	Perris	A. Oliver	3	6	75	elects	yes	7	yes	....	yes	25.00	26.25	37.45
U.....	Perris, N. Side	A. E. Schumtzler	4	3	45	.....	....	....	....	yes	yes	.....	.....	20.00
U.....	Poway	L. N. Hilleary	6	6	30	.....	yes	..	....	yes	yes	10.00	10.00	84 20
Ch.....	Riverside	S. H. Herrick	5	16	293	elects	yes	12	....	yes	yes	31.41	44.41	139.79
Ch.....	Rialto	J. H. Morrow	3	5	78	elects	yes	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	19.34
Ch.....	Redlands	J. S. Edwards	7	11	132	elects	yes	2	yes	yes	yes	11.30	26.63	86.93
U.....	Oceanside	J. M. Martin	4	5	63	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Rochester	D. Galloway	3	3	31	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Ch.....	Bethel, San Bernardino	H. B. Muscott	4	4	43	elects	yes	5	....	yes	yes	2.85	2.85	17.06
Ch.....	First, San Bernardino	Miss G. Stickney	7	9	85	elects	yes	7	yes	yes	yes	4..5	8.90	68.41
U.....	Mission, Idlewilde P. O.	Edward Miller	3	4	46	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	27.21
Ch.....	South, Riverside	J. H. Moore	5	7	60	elects	yes	....	....	yes	yes	.....	.....	69.50
Ch.....	First, San Diego	F. R. Burnham	4	21	250	elects	yes	15	yes	yes	yes	1 .23	65.00	152.00
Ch.....	Second, San Diego	C. H. Roberts	2	6	49	elects	yes	3	....	....	yes	5.00	7.00	31.00
U.....	Mission Valley, San Diego	A. Bachman, San Diego	3	4	45	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Ch.....	Spring Valley, Helix P. O.	Q. A. Lobinger	5	2	40	elects	yes	3	....	....	....	8.41	8.41	10.00
M.....	Alessandro	Mr. Zader	3	3	30	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Victor	Mrs. A. C. St. John	3	3	35	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Gabilan, Perris P. O.	Mrs. J. H. Vaughn	1	4	52	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Warm Creek	S. H. Barrett, Messina P. O.	1	3	30	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Oakdale	Dr. D. Crise, Escondido	3	3	33	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Sorrento	John McPherson	3	3	31	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Pachango	Mrs. J. M. Platt, Temecula	1	2	50	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Agua Caliente	Mrs. J. H. Babbitt, Warner's P. O	1	2	45	.....	....	....	....	....	yes	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Sorrento	John MacPherson	2	2	18	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
M.....	Olivenheim	Rev. J. A. Rogers	2	3	24	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Ch.....	Needles	J. L. McClelland	4	4	40	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....

E.

SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE PACIFIC.

REPORT OF HOME SECRETARY, MRS. CAROLINE T. HANSON.

Again we ask you to look with us over our record of another year of woman's work for woman.

During the first four months we were without a president. The efforts of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy were unsuccessful, until at their earnest request Mrs. Harwood kindly consented to take up again the work she had so recently laid down.

We have, however, had a good year. It has been one of quiet prosecution of regular routine work, for the most part, many phases of which cannot be measured by statistics. Delightful harmony has marked all our counsels, and even death has passed us by, nor broken our ranks. We cannot, however, forget that one who began this work with us, and to whose wise counsels, tempered always with wisdom and moderation we owe so much, sits with us today in the sable garments of widowhood. Our hearts go out to her in loving sympathy in this hour of her loneliness and sorrow.

The record of the year shows no large gain in number of new auxiliaries, but a decided and most encouraging gain in interest and financial strength of many of those already organized, several having doubled and quadrupled their contributions during the year.

From the First Congregational church auxiliary, Los Angeles, we have this year received our first legacy—a bequest of $200 left us by Mrs. K. Whiting, an aged sister of the church, who, being dead, yet speaketh! May this thought find like expression many times in our history.

The young people of our churches work largely through the Society of Christian Endeavor, from which organization we are continually recruiting. We believe the gain to our cause would be large and most satisfactory if one, chosen from their own number, should be appointed by our Branch

to have special charge of foreign missionary work among them, corresponding with all the Endeavor societies, and bringing them into united effort.

The children's work languishes for want of leaders in our church, and not because the children are not ready. We would suggest that a superintendent of children's work be appointed by the Branch, who shall stimulate the forming of Mission Bands in our churches.

We would urge upon the attention of all the auxiliaries the need of subscribing for the missionary periodicals, "Life and Light" and "Mission Studies." A few copies are taken by many of our societies, and we have endeavored to supplement these by leaflets and other missionary literature. If we would know the needs of the wretched women and children in heathen lands, we must read. Did every woman say, transposing the old Roman words, "I am a woman, and nothing that concerns woman is alien to me," what an impetus might be given to our progress!

We count ourselves doubly happy in having had with us during the year several of our lady missionaries. Mrs. Sturges, who has given so many years to Christ's service, touched all hearts at the meeting at Escondido, as she told her story of mission work among the islands of Micronesia. At the meeting in October at Pasadena we had with us Mrs. Alice G. Gulick, a grand and noble woman, who gave us an exceedingly interesting report of the progress of Christian education among the young in Spain, especially in the schools under her own care in San Sebastian. Later in the year, a tour among our own churches was planned by the Branch for Miss Pauline Root, medical missionary to Madura, India, who was tarrying in California a short time, on her way to home and friends in the East. Her visit among us we believe to have been most helpful and inspiring. Charming and attractive in person and address, her talks on mission work in India, China and Japan, expressed with great simplicity and clearness, were everywhere listened to with rapt attention.

The most important event in our history has been the

culmination of our cherished hopes and desires to send one of our own daughters to represent us in mission work in Japan.

Miss Harwood sailed in September, going not to Matsuyama as we had first expected, but to Niigata, in the province of Echigo.

Very soon after our decision at our annual meeting, she left for Chicago, where she received special training at the Bible Institute for her new duties. She returned to her home at the end of three months, and at once completed her arrangements to leave for Japan. Several churches kindly invited her to visit them, where delightful social gatherings and receptions were held, giving opportunity for mutual acquaintance and farewells. She has now been for several months engaged in school duties in Niigata with all her characteristic energy. Although some time must elapse before she can speak the native language, she has been able to address large audiences of the Japanese through an interpreter telling them the story of the Cross.

It was very much regretted that Miss Denton, coming home on her sad errand in August, could not have remained longer, that we might have looked into her face and renewed our assurances of interest in her personally, and in the good work she is so faithfully doing for us in the Master's name. The lives of our missionaries are lives of toil and sacrifice. Dr. Root tells us we never hear of the hard things in the lives of the foreign missionary. They do not tell them, and we cannot see them. Think for a moment of all the home love a young woman surrenders; of the intense longing, at times, for one brief hour with mother and friends at the home fireside. Let us not forget them, but bear them on our hearts and in our prayers continually.

Our treasurer will have her own story to tell as to how well we have kept the pledge made one year ago, to give $1,200 for the salaries of our two missionaries. Shall we do this and no more another year, and in the years to come?

Already I am shading my eyes and looking up and down the shore for a consecrated, cultured, young woman, who

shall go to the aid of those tired, overworked missions in India. In no land, perhaps, is the helping hand woman for woman more needed than in India. So exclu are their lives, that though they die they cannot have attendance of a physician, unless (rare thing indeed! woman physician can be found. Thousands of t wretched souls are every year passing away, withou hand to point them to the way of life, without a voice call them out of darkness; for them there is no Bible Christ, no heaven! Woman, and woman only, can re them.

The special blessing of God has rested upon mis work in India, recently. The Holy Spirit has been won fully poured out in recent years, and there has been an paralleled harvest of souls. In the Methodist Miss alone, last year, fourteen thousand of India's sons daughters were converted aud baptized into the Chris Church.

One year ago, when the women of our churches s "We will give $1,200 this year, to support two missiona in Japan," some of us, at least, felt that a large measur faith had suddenly been given us. We have counted offerings, and find that it amounts to $1,281, all we as for, all we expected; but, in another church in this cit consecrated young woman, with a heart warm with de to see the world converted to Christ, is telling her st Unable to go herself as a foreign missionary, she decide send one. God sent her the five hundred dollars she nee She then said, "I will send two." God honored her fa and in a wonderful but perfectly natural way has enal her to do it. Friends knowing of her intense interest this cause have, from time to time, sent to her, say "We wish you to use the enclosed draft for your wo So that this young woman is doing as much for foreign m sions as all the women in our churches in Southern Cali nia combined. "In the United States there are more t ten millions of evangelical Christians," who have ta solemn vows to extend Christ's kingdom here. "In Ame

there is one minister to every eight hundred souls;" in India, one missionary for every three hundred thousand souls. Calling to mind to-day the prosperity that has been granted the Southern branch thus far, remembering the Christian vows our lips have uttered, remembering the wretched women who cry to us from desolate places, let us go forth to the work of another year, strong in His strength, whose we are and whom we serve. CAROLINE T. HANSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MRS. FRANK A. MILLER, TREASURER, 1891 AND 1892, IN ACCOUNT WITH SOUTHERN BRANCH, W. B. M. P.

Santa Monica Auxiliary		$ 2 00
Riverside 1st Church	$ 13 50	
Riverside 1st Church Auxiliary	106 00	
Riverside 1st Church Young Ladies So	6 25	
Riverside 1st Church Y. P. S. C. E	25 00—	150 75
Vernondale Auxiliary		13 30
Nordhoff Auxiliary		5 50
Pasadena 1st Coral Workers		18 75
Pasadena N. Ch	8 75	
Pasadena N. Ch., Y. P. S. C. E	2 30	
Pasadena 1st Ch. Auxiliary	33 05—	62 85
Highlands Auxiliary		6 00
San Jacinto Auxiliary	100 00	
San Jacinto Church	5 80—	105 80
Santa Barbara Auxiliary	84 21	
Santa Barbara Young Ladies So	18 25—	102 46
Orange	12 00	
Orange Mission Band	1 10—	13 10
Perris Church	4 60	
Perris Auxiliary	25 00—	29 60
Pomona Pilgrim Ch. Auxiliary	20 00	
Pomona Pilgrim Ch. Y. P. S. C. E	35 00	
Pomona Mission Band	15 00—	70 00
National City Auxiliary	17 50	
National City Y. P. S. C. E	9 50—	27 00

Los Angeles 1st Ch. Auxiliary	$413 95		
Los Angeles 1st. Ch. Young Ladies Miss. So.	16 25		
Los Angeles 1st Ch. Y. P. S. C. E.	7 00—	$437	20
Los Angeles Park Ch. Auxiliary		2	00
Ontario Church	6 30		
Ontario Auxiliary	6 75		
Ontario Mission Band.	3 43—	16	48
Redlands Auxiliary	20 00		
Redlands, Mrs. Hale and daughter	15 00		
Redlands Church	3 80		
Redlands Cong. S. S	36 00—	74	80
San Diego Auxiliary		64	15
Escondido Auxiliary		2	00
San Bernardino Auxiliary		15	00
Claremont		5	00
Sierra Madre		2	00
Villa Park Y. P. S. C. E		4	00
Prescott Auxiliary		60	00
Santa Ana Church		4	00
Santa Paula		5	00
Father Bristol		1	00
Total receipts		$1281	02

MRS. F. A. MILLER, Treasurer, Riverside.

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In Memoriam.

Rev. Alfred Hastings Burnell was born August 12, 1852, in Manepy, Island of Ceylon, where his parents lived as missionaries. His early life was spent in India. In his thirteenth year he came to this country to be educated. He studied at Phillips and Meridan Academies and graduated from Williams College and Auburn Seminary.

In the year 1881, he married Abby, daughter of Rev. W. W. Snell, who became his devoted companion and ever efficient helper. They consecrated their lives to foreign missionary work, and went to India under commission of the American Board to which he was a most loyal son. He joined the Madura Mission expecting to devote a life to gospel work among a people he loved. For five years he labored diligently, making use of present opportunities and laying broad foundations for life's grand temple. Then appeared the mystery of Providence. Health seriously failed and he was hastened by physicians out of the hot and trying climate.

Coming to America, and later to our coast, it was hoped that out-door life would restore him to health while he himself ever longed to return to his loved work. He made his home in the Ojai Valley, blessing the community by his simple, trustful faith, and awaking interest in Missions, as with lantern and pictures and thrilling words he testified in many places of the need and power of the Gospel in foreign lands and the duty of the Church to "Tell it out among the nations."

Strength rapidly failed in the latter months, and on November, 2, 1891, *He* gave his beloved sleep.

The meaning of life and death are made known in Jesus Christ. Not length of days, but the obedience of

trust in the end and crown of earthly living. We would measure a life by the standard of Jesus Christ. Does the soul manifest the qualities exemplified in Him; heart praying, thy will be done, the call accepted, and the whole being consecrated to this one thing of life's mission?

Alfred Hastings Burnell had in him the mind of Christ. Trusting in God, he cherished the humility of Christ, was gladly obedient to his Master and cried, "Here am I, send me." Severed from his heart's home and work, wondering and sorrowing and ever hoping, he still let patience do its perfect work.

Memory would cherish the example of his humility, modesty, simplicity, sincerity and earnestness in Christian living, and heart would emulate his devotion and zeal. Sanctity of life is Christ's truest witness. Said one, "if any one could lead me to Christ, it was he." Life's ruling passion was strong in death. The heart's consecration could not be weakened by growing infirmities. Thought, prayer and speech were on India, on India for Christ.

In the last hour the soul has withdrawn itself from earthly thoughts and loved ones. Oh, to see the King in his beauty! No words can distract the waiting soul. "Would you go to India, now?" and eyes open as though the soul were willing to leave the opening glory to return again to the blessed work of laboring for Christ.

Life's preparation, heart's consecration, life's power and working are but glorified at our departure. The prayers of the saints unite with Christ's intercession. Still, do they work together for the world's salvation. Thus, shall the Kingdom ever more speedily come. C. S. VAILE.

Rev. John Gardiner Hale was a native of Chelsea, Vt., born September 12th, 1824. He was a descendant of a highly respectable family, and several of his brothers have become distinguished in business and professional life.

He graduated from the University of Vermont, in 1845,

and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1851. He was under appointment of the American Board to Mission work in Southern China, but, finding it inexpedient to carry out the cherished purpose of his heart, he received instead a commission from the American Home Missionary Society, to a work well-nigh as foreign, in the new State of California.

In September, 1852, he was married to Miss Phila Jane Dwinell, of East Calais, Vermont, a sister of the lamented Doctor Dwinell, of the Pacific Theological Seminary, and two days later he was ordained as a Congregational minister in his native town.

In November, 1852, they embarked on the ship Trade Wind, sailing around Cape Horn, and arriving in San Francisco in February, 1853, after four months' voyage.

Seven other missionaries, with their families, were fellow-voyagers, a valiant band who have wrought heroically for God and these western wilds. Brother Hale first entered upon his work in this state in Grass Valley, Nevada County, where he soon gathered a church; and from March 5th, 1853, to March 7th, 1857, he labored earnestly and successfully in building up the church and in the spread of the Gospel among the destitute.

Returning then to his native and beloved hills, he spent the vigor of his manhood, twenty-three years, as pastor of four different churches in Vermont; in Lyndon, two years; in East Poultney, nine years; in Chester, eight years; and in Stowe, four years.

In 1881, Brother Hale and his family returned to California, and located in Lugonia, now Redlands, and became the pastor of the newly-organized church there, then known as the Second Church of San Bernardino.

For three years he "lifted high the royal banner" in that new region. The church prospered and was soon made to rejoice in a new and commodious house of worship.

In 1886, at the solicitation of many friends, Brother Hale established, and for three years successfully conducted at Lugonia, Bellevue Academy, a Christian school for both sexes, designed to fit teachers for their work, and to prepare

students for college. He was especially fitted for this work, not by general education merely, but he had kept alive his interest in the education of the young, and had been Superintendent of Schools, at Poultney, Chester and Stowe.

For the last three years Brother Hale resided at his home in Redlands, occasionally supplying the neighboring pulpits upon the Sabbath.

He was a model ex-minister, always helpful, appreciative and sympathetic. His illness was very brief, but two or three days, and his friends and physician felt no immediate alarm; but suddenly he "was not, for God took him." He passed away March 23d, 1892. His wife, three daughters and one son, Rev. Edson Dwinell Hale, survive him.

As a man this dear brother was meek, modest, tenderhearted, generous to a fault, and still he was firm, self-poised, conscientious and persevering. As a preacher he was Biblical, scholarly, clear-cut and convincing. The Kingdom of God was with him above all, and yet he loved the Congregational Church and the pilgrim polity, and labored faithfully for their extension. Christianity with him was not an emotion, but a principle; not a flash, but the clear and steady light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Humble, earnest, active, faithful to duty, triumphant in faith, our brother so recently with us has entered into rest,

"And just before the shining shore
We may almost discover."

C. H. Spoor.

Rev. George Whitefield Hathaway.

As we who are here knew him, "Father" Hathaway was "such an one as Paul the aged," a venerable apostle, full of experience and wisdom, of philosophy and theology, who had fought a good fight, had kept the faith and was awaiting his crown.

I have never seen a more beautiful old gentleman. His

broad shoulders were bending but slightly beneath the weight of his fourscore years. His refined, intelligent, benignant face wore still the pure, fresh complexion of youth. His large, expressive, hazel eyes, habitually mild, in the heat of discussion, quickly lighted their fires. His fine, soft, gray hair fell in wavy abundance about his neck.

Looking upon his upturned face as he reverently listened to that gospel he had so long preached to others, I used to reflect: How many generations must have contributed their self-restraint, their faith, their love, their hope, their loyalty, to furnish the warp and woof of this human countenance; and what high ideals, what right living and kind thinking must, through the years, have been weaving this fleshly tapestry.

Born in Freetown, Mass., Dec. 11th, 1807, he sprung from the best Pilgrim stock. Through his maternal grandfather, he descended from Kenelim Winslow, who was a brother of Governor Edward Winslow, and one of the twenty-six original proprietors of Freetown (Assonet.) Through his maternal grandmother, he was of the seventh generation in descent from Governor William Bradford; who, in turn, was descended from John Rogers, the martyr. In the simplicity of his life, in the independence of his religious thought, in his conscious grasp of the Divine Guiding Hand, Father Hathaway was himself a Puritan of the Puritans.

Taking his Freshman and Sophomore years at Brown University, the young Hathaway graduated at Williams College in 1827. In the latter institution, under the preaching of the eloquent President, Dr. Griffin, he was converted. The change in him was marked, radical, decisive. A profound moral earnestness then took possession of him, and never ceased to control him. All the way from his youth to his old age he brought a boundless admiration for Dr. Griffin. Among his friends at Williams he counted Albert Hopkins, Mark Hopkins and John Morgan, the last-named afterwards the distinguished Oberlin Professor. Pres.Griffin, in an autograph letter which I have seen, speaks of the

subject of this sketch as having the best mind in his class for metaphysics.

Mr. Hathaway graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1830. It was a delight to hear him characterize the eminent teachers, who, in his day, manned that school of the Prophets. Here he made the acquaintance of Edwards Park, who was then in the seminary, perhaps as a licentiate. To his latest day he recalled peripatetic argumentations with him—talks miles long. What a stimulus if one could have overheard those conversations! Here, too, he formed the life-long friendship of Schauffler, afterwards the distinguished missionary. In a correspondence which passed between these friends in their serene old age Dr. Schauffler describes himself and his venerable partner as "Doing up their last chores for the Lord." Who can estimate the influence upon young Hathaway of his great teachers and his great friends. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise."

Originally intending to enter Foreign Missionary Work, Mr. Hathaway served the American Board for a season among the churches and in the rooms at Boston.

In 1833, he was ordained pastor of the church in Bloomfield, now a part of Skowhegan, Maine, where he remained until 1860, a period of twenty-seven years. What a testimony this prolonged pastorate to his ability, consistency and persistency.

Serving the Congregational Church in Grinnell, Iowa, as acting pastor for one year, he afterwards supplied vacant churches in the neighborhood of Skowhegan, until 1863, when he was made chaplain of the 119th Regiment of Maine Volunteers, continuing in the service till the war ended. He subsequently served his county as Supervisor of Schools, and was four terms in the Maine Legislature. In 1877, he came to reside with his daughters in California.

Father Hathaway had been twice married; January 8th, 1835, to Mary S. Weston Locke, of Bloomfield, who died March 4th, 1849, and October 24th, 1850, to her sister, Ann L. Locke, who died September 20, 1876. Two sons and six

daughters were born to him, of whom one son and three daughters survive him. His daughters, Mrs. Jotham Bixby, Mrs. John Bixby and Miss Martha N. Hathaway reside among us, while his son is a resident of Chicago.

As a preacher, Mr. Hathaway was characterized by vigor of thought, perspicuity of language and force of delivery. He took no counsel with flesh and blood, but spoke out his tremendous convictions concerning the slavery curse and the rum curse. A more politic man, with his gifts and graces, would doubtless have achieved more prominence in the church militant, but scarcely a higher place in the church triumphant.

Such was his mental vigor and the power of habit upon him that even after he had ceased to preach, he prepared many sermons, and that, too, with great elaboration. Some of these which he kindly read to me, strongly reminded one, by their construction and virility, of the published discourses of Dr. Emmons.

Scrupulously neat in person and dress, unfailing in unostentatious but gracious courtesy, profoundly happy in his children and grandchildren, vigorous and discriminating in all his thinking, abounding in rich conversation, deeply interested in the progress of the world and the kingdom, Father Hathaway showed us how desirable and beautiful a thing it is to grow old handsomely.

The doctrine of immortality must be true. It is inconceivable that a God, who, in the natural world, is absolutely economical, never wasting one particle of matter, one iota of force, should suffer this flaming spirit with all its accumulated light of experience, learning and virtues to be quenched forever.

Widely beneficent as were the fruits of this good man's life, it was natural that one whose ideals were so lofty, should, in the retrospect, regard his achievements as meagre and unsatisfactory. But heaven shall furnish a nobler and more congenial sphere for his powers; and with the work confided to him and accomplished there he shall be *satisfied*. Nor can any man adequately estimate the issues of his own

earthly life. Our noble conceptions, though but partially realized, may prove great trellises, on which the aspirations, the purposes and the labors of other men may fasten and climb, and on which they may hang abundant fruitage.

No human life can cease to be a force among men so long as the world endureth. In the German legend, the Emperor Charlemagne on every springtime comes forth to bless the land. Walking up and down the Rhine, he flings his bounties broadcast over gardens and vineyards and fields; causing the new-sown seed to germinate and multiplying the vintage and the harvest. The tomb cannot confine our lamented friend. His venerable form still revisits the scenes of his earthly interests. By his saintly example, by his elevated views, by his inspiring words, he still walks through the fields of memory, the gardens of love, the highways and the by-ways of duty. He shall never cease to bless and to fructify the hearts and the lives of men.

"Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

ROBERT G. HUTCHINS.

Rev. W. A. James was born in Pomfret, Connecticut, in 1834, and was fifty-eight years old when he died. Early in life he went into business, but having been converted and probably feeling a call to preach the gospel, he decided to obtain an education and graduated from Phillips Academy, in 1858, from Williams College in 1862, and from Union Seminary in 1865.

His first charge was a temporary one at Killingsworth, L. I., and the Lord set His seal on this, his first ministry, by a special gift of His Spirit which resulted in a gracious revival.

Subsequently, he took a permanent charge at Chelsea, Vt., and was remarkably successful, having almost *constant*

additions to his church, and closing his pastorate with a great and far-reaching revival.

Later, he went to Marysville, Ohio, where he remained long enough to carry to completion a building enterprise, and left them with a beautiful and commodious house of worship. His last regular charge was at Marshall, Michigan, where, in meeting an evening appointment, remote from his field, he contracted a severe cold which shattered his health and practically ended his ministerial career. Ever thereafter he was compelled to contend with a fatal disease and do his work under a burden of physical weakness.

Seeking health by a change of climate, he first went to Minnesota, where he edited and published a paper and did some pulpit work, and thence he came to California, in whose sunny and salubrious climate he hoped to prolong his life if not fully to recover. Here he served as temporary supply in various pulpits, and assisted the pastors in special meetings and by occasional sermons, but he is best and most widely known in Southern California as the writer of letters to *The Pacific*, under the title of "News from the Sunny South," in which he showed his native kindness of heart, deep spirituality, and thoroughly evangelical sympathies, as well as careful discrimination and chaste literary expression. Here, also, he was deeply interested in all forms of temperance work, and rendered valuable aid in the Los Angeles Sunday closing movement, in which he bore a conspicuous part.

His sympathies were with the poor and unfortunate classes, and he took great interest in missionary work, both in San Diego where he performed valuable service, and in the mission of the First Congregational Church of this city. All these were largely labors of love. He did them for the Savior's sake, and found his reward in pleasing Him.

He died in Los Angeles, Jan. 13th, 1892, from a disease aggravated by an attack of *la grippe*, without any premonition of approaching death. Such premonition he did not need for he was like unto that faithful and wise servant whom his Lord found watching.

"HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST AND OF FAITH." This was the secret of his success. I have never heard him called brilliant but I have heard people say, after hearing him speak, even for the first time, "*he is a good man.*" As a speaker, he was thoughtful rather than felicitous, earnest and tender rather than forcible. He could not draw crowds, he was not sought after for speeches on rare occasions, but those who knew him best loved him most and did not weary of listening to his words. He was a man of great kindness of heart and never wounded by sharp, hasty words. One who was intimate with him for many years said he had never heard a word from him that hurt. His conversation was seasoned with earnestness, and, though sometimes in the lighter vein, was never flippant or trifling. He loved his friends but never flattered them. The old, evangelical doctrines of the Church he loved, and had no relish for those things which were contrary to the orthodox standards. Having drunken the old wine he did not desire the new for he said the old is better.

A life-long friend of our brother sums up his character as follows: "He was a man of sterling integrity; profound belief in the doctrines and power of Christianity; pure, blameless life; genuine delicacy of feeling and unostentatious courtesy." We believe these words are true. We loved him as a dear friend and brother, and feel that in his death our Churches have lost a true and valuable Christian worker, and every good cause an earnest advocate; but while we mourn his loss we rejoice in his noble, Christian character. in the hope that sustained him and in the faith that the Master he loved and served has received him into "everlasting habitations." And so another name is added to the list of those who have overcome through faith,

"They climbed the steep ascent to heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain:
Oh, God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!"

F. M. PRICE.

The Rev. Peter Warner was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1837. He died at his home in Los Angeles, Jan. 8th., 1892, at the age of 54.

He was brought up from a child in the knowledge of God's great salvation through Jesus Christ; and at the age of 15, gave himself to the Lord and joined the Society of the United Brethren, in whose fellowship he continued over twenty years. He was enabled to honor the good confession of childhood by a life of unbroken, Christian service.

He was married in the year 1862, to Susan Garn, of the same state. This was indeed a happy union, and, after thirty years of tenderest, mutual affection, she survives to mourn a loss, the extent of which is known to herself alone. In the year 1871 he was deeply impressed with the great need of consecrated men to do Mission work, among the multitudes who were continually passing westward to seek new homes. So powerfully did the missionary spirit take possession of him, that he and his wife decided to offer themselves to the Society for Frontier Mission Work. The Society, however, decided otherwise, and, having accepted them, sent them out to commence and take charge of a Mission station on the west coast of Africa.

On leaving, he was ordained to the ministry, at Orangeville, Ohio, by Bishop Glossbrenner, of the U. B. Church, on Sunday, Oct. 13, 1872. Soon after their arrival in Africa, the toils and hardships of African life, and especially the climate, began to tell on their health, and before he could erect the necessary buildings, he was compelled to leave the station and return home with his sick wife. But at the urgent request of his brethren, as a brave and faithful servant of Christ, in spite of disappointments and difficulties and broken health, which was now somewhat improved by a brief rest at home, he returned alone, to finish the work assigned for him to do.

During the war, he served his country in the fleet of the Mississippi, on the gunboat Carondolet, under the command of Admiral Porter, and was at the time of his death a much esteemed member of the G. A. R. On his arrival in Los

Angeles, seventeen years ago, he joined the First Congregational Church, and for the last three years was a member and a deacon of the Congregational Church, E. L. A.

He was well known to the churches and beloved of his brethren, ever ready and forward to do his part in every public movement. His kind disposition, genial bearing and sympathetic spirit made him a large number of friends, and his wise, helpful, timely and unostentatious services never failed to keep them.

Brother Warner was a man of sterling Christian character, well grounded in the love of Christ, well established in strong, enlightened, Christian principles, and much given to the study of the Word of God and prayer. His implicit faith in God gave him exceptional freedom from harassing cares. His practical knowledge of men and things, and the interest he ever felt in the welfare of others, made him a most helpful and reliable adviser.

He was a felt power in any undertaking, by reason of a sound judgment, steadfast purpose, cheerful temper, inspiriting friendship, broad charity and devout spirit, with the additional weight and charm of a consistent life.

The closing weeks of his life were weeks of great suffering which he endured without a murmur. The African fever had, long ago, sown the seed of death in his strong frame; at last, the unwelcome harvest had come, but his last testimony in death was the all-sufficiency of Christ and the triumphant power of godliness. He died as he had lived, resigned and calm, trusting and rejoicing in the Lord.

He was esteemed, beloved and honored by all who knew him, and will be remembered still as a good man, ever ready at the call of duty; true to his friends, and faithful to his church, his country and his God. "Blessed, indeed, are the dead that die in the Lord."

D. Lloyd Jenkins.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN ACCOUNT WITH JAS. T. FORD, TREASURER.

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May 12, 1891,	By collection held in trust for ministerial relief	$ 39 65
	By additional balance in treasury	14 38
	By dues from 1st Ch. Los Angeles	31 65
	By dues from Compton	3 29
	By dues from Eagle Rock	2 75
	By dues from Escondido	5 65
	By dues from Hyde Park	85
	By dues from Long Beach	2 10
	By dues from Oceanside	1 90
	By dues from Ontario	4 05
	By dues from Poway	1 90
	By dues from Riverside	16 40
	By dues from Bethel San B'd'no	1 90
	By dues from Santa Ana	3 92
	By dues from Santa Monica	1 89
	By dues from Sierra Madre	4 97
	By dues from Spring Valley	1 20
	By dues from Dehesa	1 40
	By dues from Highlands	4 90
	By dues from Lugonia Terrace	4 05
	By dues from Pasadena North	2 40
	By dues from Santa Barbara	12 60
May 19, 1891,	By dues from De Luz	1 26
	By dues from Chula Vista	91
	By dues from Perris	3 01
	By dues from Encinitas	70
	By dues from National City	8 05
	By dues from Vernondale	6 86
July 24, 1891,	By dues from Plymouth Ch	14 70
	By dues from San Miguel	2 30
	By dues from Westminister	2 87

July 24, 1891,	By dues from San Jacinto	$ 2	87
	By dues from Perris	4	00
	By dues from Rialto	1	26
Aug. 20, 1891,	By dues from Nordhoff	2	70
	By dues from Pomona	15	89
	By dues from San Diego 2d	2	87
Sept. 4, 1891.	By dues from So. Riverside	3	15
	By dues from Los Angeles Park	9	59
	By dues from San Bernardino 1st.	7	55
Oct. 7, 1891,	By dues from Redlands	8	47
	By dues from Avalon	2	30
Nov. 7, 1891,	By dues from Ventura	16	75
	By dues from Halleck		77
	By dues from Pico Heights	2	25
Dec. 31, 1891,	By dues from San Diego 1st	14	70
		$299	58

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July 28, 1891,	To Printing minutes	$ 88	00
	To postal cards and wrappers	1	35
	To expense forwarding minutes to churches	7	05
	To payment of dues to National Council	55	11
	To expense programs and notices for Gen'l Ass'n. at San Diego	7	75
	To expense of statistical secretary.	4	50
Apr. 20, 1892,	To expense of programs and notices for Gen'l. Ass'n. at E. L. Angeles	8	25
	To Postage	2	73
	Balance to new account	124	84
		$299	58

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STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1891.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITTED			REMOVED.				BAPT.		Families
City or Town.	Org.	NAME.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Avalon	'89	Mrs. M. P. Morris	George Morris, *p.*	'60	'90	12	9	21	....	1	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Bakersfield	'92	F. C. Parke	A. K. Johnson, D. D., *p.*		'92	6	10	16	....	3	13	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ballena	'89	C. A. Lumsden						9											
Buena Park	'88	D. J. Young	J. W. Phillips			13	16	29	....	7	..	7	....	....	....	....	1	3	....
Carlsbad	'87	Miss Ida W. Frazier				1	5	6	2	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Claremont	'91	Mrs. E. C. Norton	Chas. B. Sumner, *p.*	'68	'91	25	23	48	....	4	44	48	....	....	....	....	3	....	17
Chula Vista	'90	J. T. Judkins	Wm. C. Merrill, *p.*	'84	'91	5	13	18	1	4	2	6	....	1	....	1	....	....	21
Compton	'88	Clark S. Hazeltine			....	19	34	53	14	5	6	11	2	3	....	5	4	2	30
Dehesa	'87	Edward E. Davis	Alanson Bixby, *p.*	'50	'87	11	13	24	....	....	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
De Luz	'89	Fred H. Orvis	Henry M. Daniels, *p.*	'61	'89	4	5	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	10
Eagle Rock, (P. O. Verdugo)	'86	Chas. S. Graves	Chas. H. Longfellow	*Lic.*	'91	15	19	34	9	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	30
Edgemont	'86				....	2	3	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Encinitas	'90	Mrs. Nettie L. Gibbs	John A. Rogers, *p.*	'90	'90	4	13	17	4	3	4	7	....	....	....	....	1	....	36
Escondido	'86	Mrs. F. W. Sturges	Henry W. Jones	'66	'92	20	28	48	4	2	5	7	3	1	1	5	....	4	45
Hulleck	'84		Stephen Edwards, *p*	'85	'89	10	10	20	14	....	..	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	30
Highland, (P. O. Messina)	'84	Miss J. R. Noyes	Stephen A. Norton, *p.*	'80	'89	40	41	81	....	13	1	14	....	5	....	5	7	1	55
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaelle, *p.*	'87	'90	5	5	10	4	..	..	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	25
Jamul	'90	Mrs. Nellie Murray	Isaac W. Atherton, *p.*	'59	'91	8	10	18	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	8
Long Beach	'88	Clinton F. Dille	Robert M. Webster, *p.*	'67	'88	11	22	33	1	4	2	6	1	1	....	2	2	4	25
Los Angeles, First	'67	Wm. R. Blackman	Robert G. Hutchins, D. D. *p.*	'66	'88	183	290	473	120	23	33	56	9	26	....	35	15	9	250
" Park	'84	F. E. Fredricks	Thomas Hendry, *p.*	'91	'91	43	70	113	28	....	....	....	2	20	....	22	....	2	40
" Third	'85	Mrs. F. H. Tarrant	John H. Collins, *p.*	'90	'89	35	43	78	11	26	7	32	1	14	11	26	19	3	....
" East	'87	W. Homer Kennedy	D. Lloyd Jenkins, *p*	'68	'91	61	92	153	44	1	13	14	1	37	14	52	....	4	....
" Olivet	'90	Mrs. Rossa D. Huston	Frederick A. Field, *p.*	'80	'89	20	31	51	10	9	10	19	1	6	....	7	1	1	75
" Plymouth	'88	E. Flint Bixby				20	30	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
" West End	'89	James Travis, 1710 Temple (st.	Elijah Cash, *p.*	'78	'89	13	25	38	8	1	6	7	....	2	1	3	....	1	30
Mentone	'92	W. J. Atwood	Edward R. Brainerd, *p.*	'84	'92	11	15	26	....	4	22	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	70
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Isabel V. Bent	D. Herbert Colcord, *p.*	'81	'92	15	34	49	10	5	3	8	1	3	....	4	2	....	33
Moreno	'91	Geo. H. Kelsey	Edward H. Pound, *p.*	'89	'91	8	6	14	....	....	14	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	30
National City	'81	Albert G. Adams	Edward D. Weage, *p*	'84	'86	47	67	114	15	4	1	5	4	3	....	7	1	1	65
Needles	'92	J. S. McClelland	Geo. A. Wood	'82	'92	5	9	14	....	3	11	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Nordhoff	'88	Mrs. Sarah Baker	Chas. S. Vaile, *p.*	'82	'88	17	26	42	4	8	8	16	1	10	2	13	6	....	45
Oceanside	'85	George G. Eldredge			'91	11	18	29	9	2	9	11	....	1	....	1	3	7	5

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City or Town.	Org.	NAME.	Name.	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Ontario	'85	Rev. Alfred E. Tracy	Alfred E. Tracy, *p*	'72	'88	26	40	66	7	4	7	11	3	....	....	3	3	....	50
Pasadena, First	'85	Dea. George A. Green	Dexter D. Hill, *p.*	'69	'86	94	138	232	36	8	22	30	3	12	....	15	5	7	....
" North	'89	Rev. Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, *p.*	'60	'89	17	32	49	2	10	7	17	1	1	....	2	10	3	40
Perris	'87	Miss Kate Chandler	William W. Burr, *p.*	'88	'92	30	40	70	5	9	12	21	2	6	....	8	7	2	37
Pico Heights	'88	Mrs. H. W. Folsom	John M. Schaelle, *p*	'87	'91	14	22	36	11	....	2	2	....	8	....	8	....	1	30
Pomona	'87	Chas. M. Stone	Lucien H. Frary, *p. e.*	'69	'90	91	136	227	26	13	30	43	6	37	....	43	5	3	193
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, *p.*	'45	'87	13	18	31	....	4	1	5	....	1	....	1	3	....	20
Redlands, First	'80	A. S. McPherron	George Willett, *p.*	'78	'85	49	89	138	7	3	32	35	3	15	....	18	1	7	....
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	....	Orange H. Spoor, *p.*	'61	'90	21	39	60	2	....	3	3	1	....	....	1	....	....	50
Rialto	'90	Joseph L. Merrill	Josiah H. Jenkins, *p*	'65	'90	15	16	31	2	1	12	13	....	....	....	....	1	....	29
Riverside	'72	Walter L. Koethen	Theodore C. Hunt, *p. e.*	'80	'85	105	173	278	....	23	29	52	5	4	1	10	21	11	....
San Bernardino, First	'67	Susie S. Davidson	Josiah H. Jenkins, *p. e.*	'65	'90	21	69	90	17	2	7	9	....	12	10	22	....	....	119
" " Bethel	'89	Mrs. J. N. Victor	Edward R. Brainerd, *p.*	'84	'91	16	24	40	1	8	7	15	....	1	....	1	5	1	150
San Diego, First	'86	M. T. Gilmore	Wm. C. Merrill, *p.*	'84	'90	79	144	223	36	14	29	43	3	10	....	13	10	7	....
" Second	'88	J. W. Williams	George S. Hall, *p*	'77	'91	11	24	35	5	6	5	11	....	12	5	17	3	1	42
San Jacinto	'86	J. Q. A. Hudson	....	....	....	18	28	46	3	6	6	12	....	6	1	7	2	....	50
San Luis Obispo	'92	Thomas Dawson	E. H. Rickford	*Lic.*	'92	12	11	23	....	12	11	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
San Miguel	'86	Rev. Edward B. Tuthill	Edward B. Tuthill, *p.*	'60	'86	20	15	35	22	3	3	6	1	3	....	4	1	3	....
Santa Ana	'89	A. J. Crookshank	Preston B. Jackson, *p*	'86	'91	25	54	79	6	7	24	31	....	8	....	8	3	2	60
Santa Barbara	'67	Rev. C. T. Weitzel	Charles T. Weitzel, *p.*	'76	'85	54	116	170	33	1	11	12	5	12	5	22	1	2	140
Santa Monica	'90	Robert W. Gray	Franklin J. Culver, *p.*	'90	'92	13	20	33	5	5	4	9	....	3	....	3	....	2	35
Satleoy	'90	Mrs. Elizabeth Pardee	Richard Pratt, *p*	....	'90	5	17	22	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50
Sierra Madre	'86	Walter S. Andrews	Henry P. Higley, D. D. *p*	'65	'92	34	49	83	24	7	12	19	2	5	....	7	3	....	....
South Riverside	'87	Rev. J. Spencer Jewell	J. Spencer Jewell, *p*	'66	'90	15	32	47	1	3	12	15	....	7	1	8	....	1	36
Spring Valley, (P. O. Helix)	'88	Herbert M. Stiles,	Isaac W. Atherton, *p.*	'59	'91	9	9	18	2	3	....	3	....	1	....	1	....	1	17
Ventura	'68	John Arneill	Frank N. Merriam, *p.*	'92	'91	41	90	131	35	6	12	18	....	5	2	7	4	1	65
Vernondale	'85	Wm. F. G. Blaikie	George A. Rawson, *p.*	'60	'89	37	52	87	10	5	3	8	....	11	8	19	2	3	40
Villa Park	'89	Dea. Henry Snyder	....	....	....	6	10	16	1	....	....	....	....	8	....	8	....	....	20
Westminster	'78	George W. Mack	J. W. Phillips	*Lic.*	....	11	25	36	5	6	2	8	1	3	9	13	2	....	....

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					YP.S. C. E.	BENEVOLENCE.										
PLACE.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Mem.	Av'ge	Ad. toCh.	Ben'v Contr	Mem.	For-eign.	Ed'n	Ch'h Bldg.	Home Mis.	A. M. A.	S. S.	New West	M'l Aid	Other	Total	Home Exp.
Avalon	Joseph Stamford	25	50	1	$ 8 00	13	$12 00		$6 00	$15 0		$10 0				$43 00	$650 00
Bakersfield																	
Ballena																	
Buena Park	John Tanner	70	45	6	59 00	45				15 00						15 00	2847 00
Carlsbad																	
Claremont	Frank P. Brackett	72	56	4			10 00			48 00						58 00	
Chula Vista	M. L. Ward	38	24	1		22											
Compton	John B. Lossing			1	8 00	20	5 00		5 00	75 00		8 00				93 00	604 00
Delesa	Richard Smith	54	42			28				30 00						30 00	
De Luz	Rev. Henry M. Daniels	25	19		8 00		3 00			1 00		3 00				10 00	24 00
Eagle Rock	Chas. H. Longfellow	40	30						36 00	6 00						42 00	170 00
Edgemont																	
Encinitas	Rev. John A. Rogers	29	23	1	8 00					19 00						19 00	179 00
Escondido	N. J. Rice, M. D.	93	63														
Halleck	Rev. Stephen Edwards	86	40		5 00				4 00	21 00						25 00	306 00
Highlands	Samuel H. Barrett	130	105	7	32 00	63	13 00		8 00	42 00	3 00		4 00		32 00	102 10	1271 00
Hyde Park	Frank B. Clark	30	25		5 00	12				18 00					5 00	23 00	281 00
Jamul	W. R. Saxtom	25	25		3 00					5 00						5 00	289 00
Long Beach		25	21	2	14 00		30 00	40 00		25 00		9 00			5 00	109 00	1600 00
Los Angeles, First	Don A. Judd	501	186	15	101 00	87	246 10		64 00	$15.33		28 00			531 00	2102 40	8464 00
" Park	C. A. Jeffers	130	79			43			75 00	25 00					80 00	180 00	1110 00
" Third	R. L. McCarty	200	125	13		41				274 00		23 00			30 00	327 00	680 00
" East	Mrs. L. Bradford	375	250		10 00	20			30 00			10 00				40 00	
" Olivet	H. M. Cain	100	70	1		25				8 00						8 0	1006 00
" Plymouth	Frank McCormack	30															
" West End	Wm. Carey	77	59		23 00	40	6 00			40 00		6 00			10 0	62 00	375 00
Mentone	A. T. Shearer	80															
Monrovia	Roswell H. Wilson	50	42	3	3 00	21	6 00	35 00	4 00	56 00	3 00	5 00	5 00		2 10	121 00	
Moreno	Chas. E. Richards	45	20														1100 00
National City	H. T. Risdon, M. D.	61	48	1		30	22 00		6 00	25 00	23 00	12 00				88 00	900 0
Needles	J. L. McClelland, M.D.	40	30														
Nordhoff	Frank P. Barrows	80	60		10 00	28	40 00			86 00		5 00			15 00	146 00	1425 00
Oceanside	J. M. Martin, (U. S.)			1		25				23 00						23 00	200 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Y.P.S. C. E.	BENEVOLENCE.										
PLACE.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Mem.	Av'ge	Ad. toCh.	Ben'v Contr	Mem.	For-eign.	Ed'n	Ch'h Bldg.	Home Mis.	A. M. A.	S. S.	New West	M'l Aid	Other	Total	Home Exp.
Ontario	John Johnston	85	70	3	26 00	25	150 00	$10 00	.....	137 00	$54 00	$15 00	.....	...	$300 00	$666 00	$2500 00
Pasadena, First	A. L. Hamilton	197	142	5	40 00	75	85 00	.....	.....	287 00	13 00	13 00	.....	...	117 00	515 00	10609 00
" North	J. H. Woodworth	55	43	6	.....	20	5 00	.....	.....	36 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	44 00	400 00
Perris	D. G. Mitchell	123	91	4	10 00	25	84 00	.....	.....	130 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	189 00	830 00
Pico Heights	W. N. Best	64	45	.....	14 00	23	.....	.....	6 00	1 : 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00	120 00
Pomona	E. P. Shaw	187	101	9	122 00	79	184 00	201 0	75 00	481 00	15 00	25 00	.....	5 00	157 00	1143 00	5390 00
Poway	L. N. Hilleary, M. D.	50	31	4	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	65 00	180 00
Redlands, First	J. S. Edwards	125	78	1	11 00	53	72 00	.....	.....	105 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....	45 00	233 00	6925 00
" Lugonia Terrace	Chas. H. Lathrop	60	40	.....	14 00	.....	80 00	47 00	84 00	85 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	227 00	1298 00
Rialto	J. Henry Morrow	78	80	1	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	362 00
Riverside	S. H. Herrick	.....	.....	6	32 00	65	163 00	250 00	51 00	280 00	55 00	31 00	.....	.....	520 00	1360 00	3956 00
San Bernardino, First	Miss G. Stickney	83	54	.....	9 00	36	57 00	71 00	139 00	65 00	17 00	4 00	.....	.....	26 00	379 00	2277 00
" " Bethel	H. B. Muscott	160	80	5	7 00	15	.....	.....	75 00	41 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	118 00	2800 00
San Diego, First	Dr. F. R. Burnham	250	147	17	55 00	160	165 00	50 00	20 00	648 00	165 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	1080 00	3184 00
" Second	Charles H. Roberts	50	40	3	7 00	19	8 00	.....	2 00	41 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	58 00	315 00
San Jacinto	George A. Weber	80	51	2	20 00	20	80 00	.....	50 00	71 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	42 00	263 00	900 00
San Luis Obispo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Miguel	W. B. Coates	74	45	2	22 00	.....	7 00	.....	42 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 00	408 00
Santa Ana	F. B. Barnes	80	40	2	9 00	26	.....	.....	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	769 00
Santa Barbara	Chas P. Low	98	75	1	90 00	25	115 00	.....	12 00	10 00	178 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	324 00	2183 00
Santa Monica	James Gray	75	37	3	36 00	25	2 00	.....	.....	77 00	.....	13 00	.....	1 00	15 00	108 00	710 00
Saticoy	G. R. Walden	50	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2720 00
Sierra Madre	J. C. Dickson	86	54	.....	17 00	.....	5 00	45 00	9 00	59 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	130 00	843 00
South Riverside	J. Spencer Jewell	70	50	1	.....	31	16 00	.....	7 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 00	820 00
Spring Valley	Q. A. Lobingier	30	28	3	.....	20	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1150 00
Ventura	John Arneill	108	70	4	25 00	42	.....	.....	.....	59 00	10 00	25 00	.....	.....	11 00	105 00	1212 00
Vernondale	R. H. Stone	100	78	3	15 00	25	8 00	.....	68 00	59 00	10 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	160 00	812 00
Villa Park	Dea. Henry Snyder	100	45	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	5 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	125 00
Westminister	Geo. C. Mack	72	50	2	15 00	9	.....	.....	6 00	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	26 00	544 00

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Abbreviations. L. A.—Los Angeles Association; S. B. San Bernardino Association. W. C.—Without Charge. P. C. Pastor by Council.

Name.	District Association	Employment.	Post Office.	Ordained
Abbott, Ephraim E. P.	L. A.	W. C.	Sierra Madre	'60
Abernethy, Henry C.	S. B.	Pastor	Poway	'45
Alvord, Lawrence C.	S. B.	W. C.	San Diego	'88
Baldwin, Cyrus G.	L. A.	Pres. College	Claremont	'81
Bartlett, Enoch N.	L. A.	Retired	Ventura	'41
Bixby, Alanson	S. B.	Pastor	Dehesa	'50
Bowers, Stephen	L. A.	Editor	Ventura	
Brainard, Edward R.	L. A.	Pastor	Mentone	'84
Bristol, Sherlock	L. A.	Retired	Saticoy	'43
Burr, Wm. N.	S. B.	Pastor	Perris	'88
Carlisle, Charles B.	S. B.	Pastor	Tucson, Ariz.	'87
Case, Harlan P.	L. A.	Supt. C. S. S. & P. S.	Los Angeles, Box 1863	'71
Cash, Elijah	L. A.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 1710 Temple street.	'78
Colcord, Daniel H.	L. A.	Prof. College	Claremont	'81
Collins, J. Henry	L. A.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 123 R. R. street.	'90

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Crawford, Otis D.	L. A.	Evangelist	Monrovia	'72
Daniels, Henry M.	S. B.	Pastor	De Luz	61
Davis, Charles H.	S. B.	W. C.	San Bernardino	'77
Field, Frederick A.	L. A.	Pastor	Los Ang. Sta D.	'80
Ford, James T.	L. A.	Supt. A. H. M. S.	Los Ang. Sta. A.	'57
Frary, Lucien H.	L. A.	Pastor	Pomona	'69
Goodell, Isaac	S. B.	W. C.	National City	'77
Harris, Joseph C. C.	L. A.	W. C.	Los Angeles	'83
Harwood, James H.	S. B.	Evangelist	Orange	'63
Hendry, Thomas	L. A.	Pastor	Los Angeles 134 Kern street.	'91
Hill, Dexter D.	L. A.	Pastor	Pasadena	'69
Houlding, Horace W.	S. B.	W. C	Riverside	'86
Hunt, Theodore C.	S. B.	Pastor	Riverside	'80
Hutchins, Robert G.	L. A.	Pastor	Los Angeles	'66
Jenkins, D. Lloyd	L. A.	Pastor,	Los Angeles Station A.	'76
Johnson, A. K.	L. A.	Pastor	Bakersfield	'63
Jones, Harvey	L. A.	Retired	Compton	'55
Kimball, Geo. P.	L. A.	W. C.	Pasadena	'51
Kingsbury, Chas. A.	S. B.	Retired	Redlands	'72
Merriam, Frank N.	L. A.	Pastor	Ventura	'92
Norton, Edward C.	L. A.	Prof. College	Claremont	'84
Park, Austin L.	S. B.	Retired	Redlands	'64
Platt, M. Fayette	S. B.	Retired	San Francisco	'63
Pratt, Richard	L. A.	Pastor	Saticoy	
Price, Francis M.	L. A.	Pastor	Los Angeles	'83
Rawson, Geo. A.	L. A.	Pastor	Vernondale	'60
Rogers, John A.	S. B.	Pastor	Encinitas	'91
Schaefle, John M.	L. A.	Pastor	Electric	'87
Schwarzauer, Chas. M.	S. B.	W. C.	Linda Vista	'78
Sheldon, Chas. B.	L. A.	Retired	North Pomona	'57
Slocombe, Samuel	L. A.	County Missionary.	Cayucos	
Snell, William W.	L. A.	W. C.	Saticoy	'69
Spoor, Orange H.	S. B.	Pastor	Redlands	'61
Staats, Henry T.	L. A.	Pastor	Pasadena	'60
Sumner, Chas. B.	L. A.	Pastor	Claremont	'72
Thompson, Alex. W.	S. B.	W. C.	San Jacinto	'80
Tracy, Alfred E.	S. B.	Pastor	Ontario	'72
Vaile, Chas. S.	L. A.	Pastor	Nordhoff	'82
Weage, Edward D.	S. B.	Postor	National City	'84
Weitzel, Chas. T.	L. A.	Pastor	Santa Barbara	'76
Willett, George	S. B.	Pastor	Redlands	'78
Wolcott, William H.	S. B.	W. C.	Moreno	'78

LICENTIATES.

Bickford, E. H.....San Luis Obispo
Field, Alden P.....Monrovia

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

In Southern California, Not Members of this Association, Whose Credentials are Known.

Name.	Association, etc.	Employment.	P. O. Address.	Date Ordination.
Culver, Franklin J.	Sacr. Valley, Cal.	Pastor	Santa Monica	'90
Eaton, Joseph M. R.	Mendon, Mass	W. C.	Redlands	'45
Edwards, Stephen	N. M. and Ariz	Pastor	Hesperia	'85
Hale, Edson D.	Upper Bay, Cal	W. C.	Redlands	'88
Hall, Geo. S.	Durham and Northumberland, Eng.	Pastor	San Diego	'77
Higley, Henry P., D.D.	Beloit, Wis	Pastor	Sierra Madre	'65
Hough, Jesse W., D.D.	Jackson, Mich	Retired,	Santa Barbara	'58
Jenkins, Josiah H.	P. C. San Bernardino, '90.	Pastor	San Bernardino.	'65
Jewell, J. Spencer	N. M. and Ariz	Pastor	So. Riverside	'66
Merrill, Wm. C.	P. C. Sacramento, '84.	Pastor	San Diego	'84
Norton, Stephen A.	Bureau, Ill	Pastor	Messina	'81
Parker, John D.	Central, Kansas	W. C.	San Diego	'65
Peters, Wm. J.	Utah	W. C.	San Diego	'76
Pound, Edward H.	N. W. Nebraska	Pastor	Moreno	'89
Tuthill, Edward B.	**Bay, Cal**	**W. C.**	**So. Riverside**	**'60**

General Congregational Association of Southern California.

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Will not the Church Clerks file the minutes as they come year by year, and thus preserve for reference the only permanent record of our general work.

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OF THE

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NOVEMBER 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH, 1893

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Los Angeles.

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Pasadena.

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REV. JAS. T. FORD,
Los Angeles.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY:
REV. D. H. COLCORD,
Claremont.

SCRIBE:
REV. D. LLOYD JENKINS,
Los Angeles.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Chas. E. Harwood.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. F. A. Field, Rev. O. W. Lucas.

On Education—Rev. S. A. Norton, Dea. Thomas Barrows, Hon. Franklin Blades.

On Temperance—Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. J. R. Knodell, John Storrs.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. W. N. Burr.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, W. R. Blackman.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. Thomas Hendry.

Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California—Rev. Harvey Jones. Rev. Elijah Cash, Dea. H. W. Mills, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. W. C. Merrill.

Delegates to General Association of California—Rev. A. K. Johnson, D. D., Rev. J. T. Ford.

Delegates to General Meetings of Other Denominations—To be appointed by the Registrar when the time and place of such meetings are ascertained.

Members of Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Chas. E. Harwood, N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Geo. W. Marston, Alfred H. Smiley. For two years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. D. D. Hill. For one year: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D.D., Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

NEXT MEETING.

Place and Time—First Church, Los Angeles; second Tuesday in October.

Preacher—Rev. L. H. Frary; Alternate, Rev. J. H. Williams.

REGISTRARS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Los Angeles Association—Rev. D. D. Hill, Pasadena.

San Bernardino Association—Rev. W. N. Burr, Perris.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational Churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston, June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

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1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of Business:

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

4. Annual dues:

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the Churches belonging to it, at the rate of seven cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the Churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Associotion.

5. Amendments:

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian Church; that the division of communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of

apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King, and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter are delivered from the power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and apostles, and in the life, the miracles, the death, the resurrection of his Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost

Affirming, now, our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one Catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of his body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world, and "preach the gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hope. "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

1893.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California met with the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona, Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:30 P. M.*

Public religious services and Annual Sermon by Rev. J. S. Jewell, "Building, Human and Divine," Psalm, 127:1.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After prayer meeting, led by Rev. O. W. Lucas, the Registrar called the meeting to order and read the names of the ministers and delegates present.

The following is the roll as afterward completed:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

S. Bristol.	A. W. Thompson.
J. T. Ford.	H. T. Staats.
F. A. Field.	O. H. Spoor.
Chas. H. Davis.	R. G. Hutchins, D. D.
Elijah Cash.	J. M. Schaefle.
T. C. Hunt,	J. A. Rogers.
L. H. Frary.	Thomas Hendry.
C. B. Sumner.	D. Lloyd Jenkins.
E. R. Brainerd.	F. M. Price.
H. P. Case.	C. G. Baldwin.
E. E. P. Abbott.	J. S. Jewell.
D. H. Colcord.	H. W. Jones.
D. D. Hill.	F. J. Culver.
Harvey Jones.	George Morris.
Geo. A. Rawson.	H. M. Voorhees.
A. B. White.	J. F. Brown.
J. H. Harwood, D. D.	O. W. Lucas.
C. S. Vaile.	J. R. Knodell.
E. C. Norton.	S. A. Norton.
A. E. Tracy.	S. G. Emerson.
W. N. Burr.	Geo. Robertson.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Bloomington.....J. E. Cox.
Buena Park.....Miss E. T. Cox.
Claremont.....Rev. S. H. Kellogg.
Dea. Thomas Barrows.

* Of change of date see Appendix A.

Compton	J. B. Lossing.
	Mrs. R. E. Angelo.
Eagle Rock	Mrs. Geo. Morris.
Escondido	Mrs. C. L. Sturgis.
	Mrs. L. H. Voorhees.
Highland	J. L. Yarnell.
Hyde Park	Mrs. J. M. Schaefle.
Los Angeles, First	J. B. Irvine, Jr.
	Miss Peabody.
Los Angeles, Park	C. A. Jeffers.
Los Angeles, Third	Dea. Thomas Bailey.
	Mrs. R. B. Elledge.
Los Angeles, East	Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins.
	Dea. W. A. Kennedy.
Los Angeles, Olivet	M. L. Huston.
Los Angeles, Plymouth	Dea. J. W. Parker.
	Mrs. J. M. Johnson.
Los Angeles, West End	Mrs. Geo. Morris.
Los Angeles, Bethlehem	Mrs. F. M. Price.
Mentone	Mrs. L. T. Wingate.
Monrovia	A. J. Bent.
	Mrs. S. M. Belcher.
Moreno	J. S Warren.
	Miss Effie Hopkins.
Ontario	John Crawford.
	Mrs. Thomas Purvis.
Pasadena, First	Dea. W. T. Clapp.
	John A. Traylor.
Pasadena, North	Thaddeus Winter.
	H. K. W. Bent.
Perris	Mrs. W. F. Perry.
	Mrs. W. A. Whitney.
Pico Heights	Mrs. Lucy C. Stone.
	W. P. Ross.
Pomona	Hon. Franklin Blades.
	J. H. Ross.
Redlands, First	Rev. J. M. R. Eaton,
Redlands, Lugonia Terrace	Sumner Grover.
	Henry Gates.
Rialto	F. S. Stark.
	Miss Edna Espy.
Riverside	D. A. Correll.
	Mrs. D. A. Correll.
San Bernardino, First	Dea. I. H. Stoughton.
	Mrs. J. R. Knodell.
San Bernardino, Bethel	H. B. Muscott.
	Mrs. O. W. Lucas.
San Diego, First	M. T. Gilmore.
	Mrs. M. T. Gilmore.
San Jacinto	Miss Sarah M. Mead.
	Mrs. E. J. Fairchild.
Santa Ana	Rev. E. T. Fleming.
	Dea. Lyman Chapin.
Santa Barbara	Eli Kimberly.
	Mrs. Mary Van Winkle.

Santa Monica	Rev. Geo. Cochran.
	James Gray.
Saticoy	Rev. S. Bristol.
Sierra Madre	I. L. Pool.
	Mrs. Thomas Jackman.
South Riverside	Rev. E. B. Tuthill.
	J. L. Merriam.
Vernondale	Dea. I. V. Draper.
Westminster	Geo. W. Mack.

The Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., was chosen Moderator; Rev. D. D. Hill, Assistant Moderator; Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, Scribe; Sarah M. Mead, Assistant Scribe.

The following Committees were then appointed: On Nomination—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. W. N. Burr, Rev. Geo. A. Rawson. On Business—Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. L. H. Frary, Dea. M. T. Gilmore. On Resolutions—Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. S. A. Norton, Dea. H. K. W. Bent.

Report was made by Mrs. Anna S. Averill, President of the Southern Branch of Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific.—Addresses by Rev. Geo. Cochran, for twenty years missionary in Japan, and Mrs. A. H. Burnell, formerly missionary in India.

A paper was read by Rev. S. A. Norton on "Christian Literature for the Home." Discussion followed, in which Pres. Baldwin, Rev. T. C. Hunt and others took part. The assembly voted a request that the paper be published in the Pacific.

The following were invited to sit as honorary members:—Rev. Wm. Kincaid, D. D., of New York; Rev. E. H. Ashmun, of New Mexico; Prof. R. R. Lloyd, of Oakland; Rev. Walter Frear, of San Francisco; Rev. W. A. Knighten, pastor M. E. Church, Los Angeles; Revs. J. W. Adams, E. R. Bennett, R. B. Cory and D. M. Wynkoop, pastors in Pomona; Rev. J. H. Williams; Rev. F. F. Pearse; Rev. Milton S. Phillips.

Rev. W. A. Knighten, M. E. and Rev. E. R. Bennett, Baptist, brought cordial greetings from their respective denominations.

Rev. E. H. Ashmun brought greeting from the Churches of Arizona and New Mexico,

Rev. Walter Frear brought greeting from the General Association of California.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott. Voted that the report be adopted and placed on file. Discussion followed, in which J. Grey, F. M. Price and D. D. Hill took part. The following expression was unanimously adopted:

In view of the tremendous evils of the liquor traffic and the baneful influence and danger of moderate drinking,

Resolved, 1. That the members of this Association anew declare their unalterable hostility to that traffic, and their readiness to co-operate with all who seek, by legitimate means, its destruction.

2. That we urge upon our ministers and churches the duty of persistent, definite effort in this line through the Sunday School, the sermon, the pledge, the church covenant and such organized movement as may meet local conditions.

The report of the Sunday School Committee was made by Rev. F. A. Field. The report was received and put on file.

The Rev. H. P. Case, Supt. of Sunday School Work, followed with a general report of the Society's work in his district. (See Appendix, B.)

Resolved, That we would urge the observance of Children's Day by all our churches; that its services be such as to emphasize the relation of the children to the church and the responsibility of the church for the Christian training of the young.

2. This Association recommends that each Sabbath School make an offering on Children's Day, seeking that there be an average of 15 cents per member, for Missionary work of the Cong. S. S. and Pub. Society.

3. That we take great pleasure in commending the work of our S. S. Supt., Rev. H. P. Case, and urge our pastors and churches and Y. P. S. C. E. to co-operate with him in the work of normal training, and in organizing and maintaining schools in districts within their reach.

The Rev. Walter Frear, of San Francisco, made an appeal on behalf of the claims and needs of the American Board; the impression made moved the assembly to a season of prayer, led by Rev. H. M. Voorhees. The following resolutions were passed,

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice in the harmony resulting from, and the new zeal awakened in our Foreign Missionary work by the action of the American Board at Worcester.

2. That we consider it the privilege and duty of all Christians to have a share in the work of sending the gospel to all nations, and therefore urge all our churches to make a contribution each year to the American Board, and that this year it be made as early and generously as possible, to relieve the Board in its present financial embarrassment.

A summary of reports from the churches was read by Rev. W. N. Burr. (See Appendix, C.)

Then followed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Revs. Geo. A. Rawson and H. M. Voorhees presiding.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Home Missionary Anniversary.

The report of the Women's Home Missionary Union was made by Mrs. Dr. Thomas.

The report of the Church Building Society was given by Rev. T. C. Hunt.

The report of Home Mission Work in Southern California was given by the Supt., Rev. J. T. Ford. (See Appendix, D.)

The Congregational Home Missionary Society was represented by its Secretary, Rev. Wm. Kincaid, D. D., New York, who addressed the meeting. It was

Resolved, That in view of the needs of our Home Mission work, we urge upon our churches that they do their utmost to maintain the work in hand, and occupy the new fields waiting to be tilled; therefore we pledge our churches to attain, if possible, the rate of $2.00 per member in their contributions for this work.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Treasurer made a report, which was accepted and placed on file. (See Appendix, E.)

Rev. J. T. Ford was elected Registrar and Treasurer.

Rev. D. H. Colcord was elected Statistical Secretary.

An address, subject, "Every Church Responsible for Evangelizing its Own Field," was made by Rev. F. M. Price, followed by half-hour prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. S. Bristol.

Prof. R. R. Lloyd, of the Pacific Theological Seminary, addressed the assembly on behalf of the Institution, of which he is one of the faculty.

Resolved, That we have heard with greatest pleasure the representative of Pacific Theological Seminary, Prof. R. R. Lloyd, and that with new appreciation of the opportunities offered by that institution for thorough training for the ministry, we pledge to it our deep interest, our influence in sending them our students for the ministry and our practical aid in all ways possible.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, Denominational competition among our evangelical churches is most harmful to the Kingdom of Christ, involving, as it does, a waste of sacred Home Missionary funds and consecrated power; and whereas, this divisive tendency traverses the sea and works mischief by confusing the minds of converts from false religions to christianity; and whereas, we are now confronting our great national perils, the grievance of the working man, heterogeneous immigration and the organized influence of the saloon and the brothel, with a protestantism divided and largely ineffective for united work; Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this Association put itself on record as heartily endorsing the principle of interdenominational co-operation as opposed to interdenominational competition; it believes that though the various evangelical churches may not be united in creeds, they may in deeds.

2. That a committee of three members of this Association be chosen to consult with prominent ministers and laymen of sister denominations in Southern California, either personally or by calling of a conference concerning the adoption of means for investigating the evils referred to in the preamble and for securing the adoption of some plan for interdenominational comity.

Rev. John Thompson, D. D., District Superintendent, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the claims and interests of the American Bible Society.

The following resolution was passed :

WHEREAS, the entrance of God's word giveth light, "is a lamp unto the feet and a light unto the path ;" and whereas, many individuals and homes of our land are still without the Bible ; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the work of the American Bible Society to the attention of our churches and recommend that, so far as practicable, they make an annual offering for the cause.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened by addresses on the Sabbath question:

" What Does the Bible Say ?"—Rev. H. W. Jones.

"Sabbath Desecration in Connection with our Great Expositions," Rev. A. E. Tracy.

The sense of the Assembly was recorded as follows :

WHEREAS, Our state has no Sabbath law, and there are strong elements combined to oppose the enactment of such a law ; and whereas, we have seen the mighty effect of combined effort to influence the directors of the World's Fair to favor Sabbath closing of the great exposition ; therefore

Resolved, 1. That the Associatiou strongly urges the closing on Sunday of the Midwinter Fair, to be held in San Francisco.

2. That the Association appoint a committee to present our wishes to the Directors of the Fair, and to organize such measures for carrying out our wishes as it shall deem most likely to secure the end.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, 1. That the alarming ignorance of our people as to our allied benevolent societies, and consequent lack of interest in their work, make it imperative that more time be given in the meetings of the General Association to presentations of the work of these societies.

2. That the Committee on Arrangements for each coming Association be instructed to secure, if possible, at each meeting, representatives of two of these societies, aside from the Congregational Home Missionary Society, if not Secretaries from the central offices, then such of our pastors as are most in touch with the work of the particular societies to be represented.

Under the general head of Lessons from the Columbian Exposition, were presented:

1. The Prophecy of the Grounds and Buildings. Rev. T. C. Hunt.

2. The Moral Character of the Exposition. Rev. J. S. Jewell.

3. Congregationalism and the Exposition. Rev. D. D. Hill.

Attention was called to the Christian Endeavor movement by a paper read by Rev. S. G. Emerson, on the coming of the Christian

Endeavor Convention to California in 1895. The Assembly requested that the paper be published in the Pacific.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following Committees. The report was adopted:

On Home Missions—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Charles E. Harwood.

On Sunday Schools—Revs. C. S. Vaile, F. A. Field, O. W. Lucas.

On Education—Rev. S. A. Norton, Dea. Thomas Barrows, Hon. Franklin Blades.

On Temperance—Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. J. R. Knodell. John Storrs.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting—Revs. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., J. T. Ford, D. D. Hill, W. N. Burr.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, W. R. Blackman.

To Promote Interdenominational Comity—Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. Thomas Hendry.

To Protest Against Sunday Opening of the Midwinter Fair—Rev. S. Bristol, H. K. W. Bent, C. A. Jeffers.

For Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society—Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. W. C. Merrill, Dea. H. W. Mills.

For Members of Pacific Coast Congregational Alliance—For three years: Charles E. Harwood, N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W Bent, Geo. M. Marston, Alfred H. Smiley. For two years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D., Rev. D. D. Hill. For one year: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs. (See Appendix, F.)

Delegates to general meetings of other denominations to be appointed by the Registrar of the General Association, when the time and place of such meetings are ascertained.

Preacher for next meeting—Rev. L. H. Frary. Alternate, Rev. J. H. Williams.

The Ministers' Relief Society held its annual meeting. (See Appendix, G.) A plea for the Society was made by Rev. S. A. Norton, the result of which was a collection of $53.65. The directors nominated by the Association were elected.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After devotional services, the evening was occupied by addresses on Christian Education.

Christian Culture. Prof. R. R. Lloyd.

The Ideal College. Rev. S. Bristol.

Pomona College. Pres. C. G. Baldwin.

At the close the following resolutions were voted:

Resolved, 1. That in the location of Pomona College on an elevated plateau at the foot of the great range of the Sierra Madre, where the frosts of winter rarely come, and where the heats of summer never

oppress nor debilitate, and where there are no malarial influences whatever, we recognize sanitary and scenic conditions unsurpassed, if indeed equalled, in America.

2. That on account of these natural conditions and the high standard of education sustained by the faculty, we heartily commend the College to our churches throughout the states, and to all Christian people who seek the assurance that here their sons and daughters may enjoy the advantages of thorough Christian education and culture.

3. That in view of the general financial depression and the present urgent necessities of the College, we, the pastors and delegates here assembled, do pledge ourselves and the churches we represent to aid to the best of our ability, by prayer and gifts, in the present effort to place the College upon a sound business basis, whereby it may meet all its accruing obligations, and in securing the funds required to defray the unavoidable expenses of the coming year.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association are extended to the Church entertaining us; we have enjoyed their commodious and pleasant church building, have delighted in the generous hospitality of their homes, the opportunity at the collations for social intercourse, and in their enthusiastic welcome by their presence in such numbers at our meetings; our thanks are also extended to the choir for help in the Service of Song.

The minutes of this meeting of the Association were read and accepted.

D. LLOYD JENKINS, SCRIBE.
JAS. T. FORD, REGISTRAR.

APPENDIX.

A.

CHANGE OF DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The Provisional Committee of the General Association of Southern California and of the San Bernardino and Los Angeles District Associations, met in Claremont, January 27th, 1893, to act in regard to a change of the dates of their annual meetings.

The meeting was held in accordance with the following resolution, passed in October by the San Bernardino Association, and a like resolution by the Los Angeles Association:

"WHEREAS, The meetings of the General Associations of Washington, Oregon and California, are held in the autumn; and,

"WHEREAS, The Secretaries of our National Societies desire that our General Association meet at the same season of the year, so that they may visit all at one trip; and,

"WHEREAS, It is important to us that they meet with us, to the end that they be brought more into sympathy with the work in Southern California, and we more into sympathy with the broader work of the churches for our whole country, and for the world; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting be instructed to confer with the like Committee of the Los Angeles Association, with power to act in the arrangement of the date of our annual meeting, so as to facilitate the change proposed in the time of meeting of General Association."

It was decided that the next meeting of the Los Angeles Association be held with Plymouth church, Los Angeles, April 25th; and of the San Bernardino Association at Ontario, May 2d.

It was recommended that the General Association meet, according to its constitution, on the second Tuesday of May, in sufficient numbers to adjourn to the second Tuesday of October for the regular exercises of its annual meeting, and that its constitution be so amended that hereafter its annual meeting be held on the second week of October.

It was further recommended that the Committee on Publication publish and distribute among the churches the statistics for the year 1892 as soon as they are tabulated for the Year Book, and that the minutes of the annual meeting next October be published in January following, with the statistics for 1893.

[In accordance with this action the Statistics of two years, 1892 and 1893, are published with these minutes. The meeting of General Association was deferred to October 10th, 1893, and later, because the northern associations deferred their meetings one month on account of the World's Fair, the Committee of Arrangements decided to call it on November 7th.]

B.

REPORT OF REV. H. P. CASE, DISTRICT SUPT. OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

In making this, my sixth annual report to you, I shall omit some things. Because your S. S. Committee has made a full and able report on the condition and needs of our S. S. work among the churches, I shall not dwell upon that matter; and because they are nearly a year old, I shall not present any table of S. S. statistics, only a few such as pertain to the Missionary work. I will say, in passing, that I agree with the statements of your Committee, and hope that their recommendations will be adopted by this Association, and fully carried out in the coming year. My observation is that our churches are behind those of several other denominations in Southern California in three points of their S. S. work, viz; in qualified teachers, studious scholars and spiritual results. This need not longer be our reproach if pastors and workers will put in practice the suggestions of your S. S. Committee.

As to our Missionary S. S. Work.

I. The National Work of our Society:

During the year closing February 28, 1893, the total available funds for missionary work were $67,315.79. Thirty-eight superintendents and missionaries labored in over twenty States and Territories, traveling a total of 366,000 miles, preaching more than 5,000 sermons and addresses, and attending more than 250 institutes and conventions. They gathered into 502 Sunday Schools over 20,000 children and others who otherwise would have gone without the teaching of God's Word. Nearly $13,000 worth of literature was given away, starting the new schools or aiding the feeble ones. During the four years past an average of fifty Congregational churches, annually, have grown out of schools established by this Society.

Its missionaries are the scouts and vanguards of our denomination. They press their way into all frontiers: Among Michigan pine

woods, Colorado and Idaho mining camps, Arizona cattle plains, Pacific Coast ranchmen and Atlantic Coast fishermen, Florida swamps and Dakota blizzards—these missionaries are ceaselessly toiling. Nor do they neglect the interior towns and cities. Wherever the Sunday-School-less are, there they attempt to get, and both arouse and satisfy the desire for Bible study. Not always are they successful; but in most places where they labor they leave behind them a "tree of Life" for the healing of the sin-smitten. Their experiences are sometimes humorous, often serious, occasionally tragic, and could they all be given to our churches they would compete in attractiveness with any stories brought from foreign lands.

The statistical report given at the World's S. S. Convention in St. Louis, last September, told us that over 9,000,000 of school age in the United States are still outside of any Sunday School. Surely there is room for all and more workers. Our S. S. Missionaries should be increased ten fold, and instead of less than $70,000 there should be put into our treasury this year the $100,000 so often recommended by the National Council.

A word in regard to the publishing department of our S. S. Society. Its finances are kept entirely separate from those of the Missionary Dept., except when there is a gain above expenses, and then it is turned into the Missionary treasury. Over $3,000 was last year thus applied. Please remember this when you complain about the expensiveness of our S. S. literature. Is it good denominational loyalty to patronize a "cheap" S. S. literature publishing concern whose profits enable the publisher to stock his 7,000 acre Ventura county ranch and build palatial residences in Los Angeles, instead of patronizing your own publication society, whose literature is far better and whose profits are all applied in helping plant 500 new schools for 20,000 neglected children each year. The Publishing Department, at both its Boston and Chicago houses, carries a stock of standard and latest religious books, papers and requisites in church and S. S. work, not inferior to any in our country.

The latest move in that department of our Society, announced December 1st, is this: Arrangements are completed whereby a full stock of Congregational literature is now being kept by the American Tract Society Agency in San Francisco, No. 735 Market street. This has long been needed and desired on the Pacific Coast. It is expected to be permanent and complete. All our S. S. Lesson Helps and literature can be had at this depository at Chicago or Boston prices.

II. S. S. Missionary Work in the District of Southern California. My report will in most matters cover the eighteen months from May, 1892, to October, 1893, inclusive. During that time 33 new schools have been organized by your missionary and others, and six have been

revived, having a total of 1,011 members at time of organization. We have made 91 visits to Sunday Schools and attended 24 Institutes, Conventions or Associations. We have made 124 separate grants of literature to over 60 schools, costing the Society $457.88. It is thought by some that we have been too free in giving away "other people's money," but, save in a few cases, the need of aid has been real. There are a half dozen schools that have asked aid and obtained it almost continuously for four years. We do not begrudge it. Only let the school do its *very best* toward self support, remembering so long as it leans on us for aid it deprives some other and newer school of perhaps more needed help.

During these eighteen months we have given 260 sermons and addresses in nearly 100 different places, traveling 12,215 miles in our work in these nine counties. We have been favored in travel with half-rates on the railroads and by friendly aid in private conveyances and entertainment, so that our aggregate expense, in both office and field work, averages less than five cents per mile. We are glad to thus publicly thank all who have aided our attempt to keep expenses at the lowest.

We are glad to record the increasing interest of the schools in our work. In 1892 forty-four schools observed Children's Day and contributed to the missionary work of our society the sum of $424.28. In 1893, sixty schools observed the Day and contributed the sum of $515.04. The gain is evident. From other sources $92.10 were contributed, making a total in 1893, to October 31st, of $607.14 contributed to our work from this district.

While this is a gain to be truly thankful for, it is only an average of ten cents per member of our Sunday Schools, instead of the fifteen cents recommended. It scarcely covers the total expenditures in this District (grants to schools and missionary expenses). Is it not time that the support of your missionary should at least in part be provided for within his District? When our churches shall put this object on their schedule of benevolences and take a collection for it as often as they do for the Home or Foreign Mission Societies, then we shall make progress towards self support in our S. S. Mission cause.

In addition to 64 church schools we have on our list 46 mission or independent schools. These 46 schools are widely scattered, and to visit, aid and keep them in good working, growing condition, is enough for one missionary without trying to organize new schools or visit the church schools.

Sixteen of these schools are more or less looked after by pastors of neighboring Congregational churches. Six of them are probably lost—"seceded"—because the semi-monthly visits of a preacher of some other denomination are more influential than the semi-annual visits of your much-scattered missionary.

Three of these schools are being carried on by workers from C. E Societies. Fourteen of these could not have been organized when they were but for the willingness of the *public school teacher* to act as superintendent. We gladly insert this testimony to the general moral and religious character of the educators of our youth.

It is not pleasant to chronicle the death of a S. S., but during the time covered by this report four or five schools have passed into a state of "suspended animation," at least. At S— and San P— because of hostility of infidel school directors; at A—, M— and M—V— because of removal of superintendent or sectarian strife. The wonder is not that a mission S. S. dies, but that it lives from the brief visit of the Missionary until his return three months or a year afterward with no human help other than lay dormant on the field. Yet such aroused forces are faithfully sowing the good seed of God's Word in forty otherwise neglected parts of our District and in a thousand souls otherwise unevangelized.

Besides the workers already alluded to we gladly mention the work of Rev. L. N. Barber, who has been jointly supported since April 1st, 1893, by our Society and the Congregational Home Missionary Society. He faithfully looks after the wants of the five schools in his long parish—the Mojave river region.

The Future and its Needs.

What shall be the Missionary S. S. work of the coming year? In Southern California are more than 8,000 youths who need S. S. influences but have them not. They are scattered in about 200 school districts. What can be done for them? Surely one or more S. S. Missionaries should be busy among them, visiting their homes, their schools and communities, striving to awaken an interest in Bible study in both the young and their elders. These youths are many of them our Anglo-Saxon relations, bright in talents and certain to be of future influence in the state and nation. To leave them untaught in Bible truths is to endanger their own souls and risk the nation's welfare. There are also several thousand aliens among us of the Latin races. They are all untaught in gospel truth. In the light of the Cross a Mexican child's soul is worth as much as that of your blue-eyed New England boy just arrived on a new ranch in Southern California. Shall these foreigners among us be neglected? The S. S., with its songs and simple Bible reading, is the most attractive religious work we can place among them. During the coming year we hope to reach not a few of this class. But these labors take time, money and workers. We have occasionally aided with literature Bible work among the Indians at four or five places. This ought to be continued the coming year.

In city work there is great need. You know what is being attempted at Bethlehem church, Los Angeles. The S. S. work of that institution is increasing. For its successful equipment it ought to have immediately one hundred dollars worth of a good library. If in its missionary work our Society should donate one-half that amount where is the giver who will guarantee the other half?

Then there is outside territory that ought to be visited by your Missionary the coming year. Arizona is virtually in our S. S. District. Some new communities are being rooted there from Southern California cuttings. We ought to seek out those far away children. But the expense of travel is beyond our regular allowance. We need extra contributions for such work.

A few requests and this report closes:

1. We urgently request pastors and superintendents to call on us for any aid in our power. We are ready to help in their local S. S. matters.

2. That the S. S. Committee plan and execute the work recommended by the Committee and "resoluted" by the Association.

3. That every Congregational Sunday School use our own literature.

4. That "Children's Day" be celebrated by every one of our schools and churches, and its collections be sacredly applied to the work of our S. S. Missionary Society.

5. That prayer and labors be directed toward annual spiritual harvests from our S. S. work.

C.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES.

REV. W. N. BURR.

The annual review of the work of our churches is not quite what it should be this year, because some have failed to send in their reports. Pen and postage have been freely used to secure a report from each church, but the time for the "narrative" has come, and eleven churches are still unheard from.

The statistical report of last January brings a list of sixty-seven Congregational churches in Southern California. Two of these—the churches at Ballena and Carlsbad—are lifeless, but not buried; and one church—that at Etiwanda—has been organized since the first of January; so we now have sixty-six churches in Southern California; fifty-five of these churches have reported.

One strong impression left upon the mind of the "narrative" writer after reading these reports is that the Congregational churches

of Southern California have been very nervous and fidgety during the past year; and he would not be surprised to learn that the eleven that have failed to report have failed because they are all down with nervous prostratiou.

We will take up in order the items which give shape to our report:

MEMBERSHIP.

Comparing the reports just received with the statistical table prepared the first of last January, we find that most of the churches have gained in membership since 1893 began. Of those reporting their present membership—and most of the churches reporting at all gave it—Pomona reports the largest net gain since January 1st, its total membership being now thirty-nine more than was reported the first of the year. Most of the other churches follow with some gain. Eight churches report a smaller membership now than on January 1st, and seven report the same now as then. Our total membership is still, probably, a little below 5,000.

CHANGES IN PASTORATE.

Twenty-six of the churches reporting have not the same pastor now who was serving them at the time of the last meeting of the General Association a year ago last May. And of the churches not reporting, nine are known to the writer to have changed pastors during the past seventeen months. At least thirty-five of the churches have not now the same pastor who was with them when we met in East Los Angeles, and two report two changes during that time. Here is where one receives a strong impression of the nervous, fidgety condition of affairs among our churches. Whether the churches or the pastors are the more afflicted, this deponent sayeth not. Probably both churches and pastors need a spiritual tonic that will brace them up and put them in such condition that they can have more love for each other. It was very refreshing to read such words as came with the report sent by the clerk of the little Dehesa church: "There has been no change of pastor, and we do not wish any."

Three ministers who had served Congregational churches have died since our last meeting. Two of these were engaged in the work at the time of that meeting, and one entered upon the work since.

Rev. George A. Wood, who was for a short time, just before his death, pastor of the church at Needles, died at his home in Nipomo, San Luis Obispo county, California, October 27, 1892. For seven years after his ordination, in 1882, brother Wood was a minister of the United Brethren church. In 1889 he became pastor of the Congregational churches at Stafford and Plevna, in Kansas, and a member of the Arkansas Valley Association. He remained with these churches two years, then came to California in search of health. He served our

church at Needles about two months, when he was obliged to give up the work, and soon after died. He had not become a member of the Association.

Rev. Edward H. Pound died at Moreno, June 8, 1893. Brother Pound came from Crawford, Neb., to California in search of health in the winter of 1890 and 1891, and the following summer settled at Moreno. The church there was organized under his direction in October, 1891, and he served as its pastor a little less than a year. He was the first graduate of Yankton College, and his was the first death in the town of Moreno. He was a member of the San Bernardino District Association.

Rev. E. A. Starkey died at Compton, September 27, 1893. Brother Starkey was connected with the United Brethren Church at the time of his death, and had been a minister of that denomination fourteen years. He had just accepted a call to the Congregational church at Compton, and had preached there one Sabbath when he was stricken with typhoid fever, and died after an illness of four weeks.

Benevolent Contributions.

Of course, most of the churches report something under this head. Eleven of our churches have reported "Benevolent contributions, none." These are all very small, weak churches, however. Some of the churches deserve special mention, perhaps, for being heroic givers, but we will not attempt to mention them. Here is what half a dozen of our reporters have to say under this head:

Pasadena First—"We have contributed more in benevolence than in any previous year."

Hyde Park—"Benevolent contributions, $27.50." I mention this because this is one of our very smallest churches, reporting only nine members; possibly not one of the poorest, however. Their benevolent contributions, at the rate of $3 and a fraction per member, is exactly what was given during the year 1892 by our Southern California churches for all benevolences.

Villa Park—Another very small church, reports "Benevolences for the year, $51.35." That is almost $4 per member for that church.

Another of the smallest churches reports as follows: "The church is credited with $20 to Home Missionary Society, largely the gift of the pastor." Some of the larger churches report benevolent contributions for the year that run up into the thousands; and Ontario, which is neither a large nor a small church, reports benevolent contributions from May 1, 1892, to October 1, 1893, $4,700. Perhaps the spirit of most of our people is not unlike that of the people of Highlands, whose pastor writes: "At the beginning of the present pastorate there was a floating debt of $300, which has been cancelled. One Sunday morning last June the pastor suggested that the old debt

had stood long enough in the way of missionary contributions, and that fifteen minutes would be given then and there to removing it. It was removed inside of seven minutes. This illustrates, says pastor Norton, the spirit of this people, whose orchards are young, whose wealth is small, but whose faith and zeal are not small." And this illustrates very fairly, I think, the spirit and the condition of most of our churches in Southern California.

Christian Endeavor Societies.

Twelve of the churches reporting have no Christian Endeavor Society, and, I judge from the reports, no young people's meeting of any kind, except at Claremont. Four report Union Endeavor Societies.

Many of the pastors speak warmly of the help they receive from their young people who are thus organized "for Christ and the Church." The pastor of Mentone writes: "We have an active Y. P. S. C. E., and I am able to say it is doing good work. While I am at my outside appointment Sunday evening this society conducts most acceptably the evening services at Mentone." The pastor at Highlands writes: "The Endeavorers, every one, remain to evening service. They do the usual committee work, and are a great help in the church work." The clerk of the Santa Barbara church writes: "The Christian Endeavor Societies, both Senior and Junior, are doing good work, and have been a strong factor in keeping the church up to its present active condition during the time we have been without a pastor." The clerk of the Claremont church writes: "We have no regularly organized Christian Endeavor Society, but its place is filled by the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Woman's Christian Association of the College, both of which organizations, with a membership of about 60, hold regular meetings for prayer, and also for the study of the Bible, and are in touch with the great College Association movement which extends all through the land. A great many of our young people have been connected with the Christian Endeavor Societies in other places, so that we have much of the Christian Endeavor earnestness and spirit, even though at present there seems no place for that special organization."

Sunday Schools.

All the churches report Sunday Schools, three reporting union schools. There are also a number of localities where schools have been organized by our Superintendent of Sunday School work where there is, as yet, no church. The First Church, of Pasadena, has a Chinese school. The pastor writes: "Our Sunday School numbers over 200, with increasing interest. For four years our church has also sustained a Chinese Sunday School and night school. Three

months ago the church bought and paid for two lots, and put on them a nice, convenient little chapel for our Chinese work. Here a school for the Chinamen is held every evening, taught by some of the first ladies of Pasadena. A number of the Chinamen have been converted." The Sunday School work is more fully reported by the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Prayer Meetings.

Five churches have reported no prayer meeting. Two report a regular union prayer meeting. Two report a "joint meeting with the Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday evening." One, the church at Compton, holds its prayer meeting in the afternoon. One, the church at Dehesa, holds its regular church prayer meeting on Sunday evening. The pastor at Oceanside writes: "Nearly every member of the church attends the prayer meetings, not occasionally but regularly."

Lugonia Terrace, Redlands—"The prayer meetings are well sustained and growing, owing to active participation of Christian Endeavor Society."

Santa Barbara—"The prayer meeting is regularly held and well supported, though we have been for some time without a pastor. Often every one present takes part."

Mentone—"The church prayer meeting is growing in numbers and in interest. The average attendance has grown from about twelve to twenty-two; we have risen lately as high as thirty. New voices are being heard in prayer, and I am glad to see signs of spiritual power."

The pastor of one church, reporting a membership of nearly 150, writes: "Our prayer meeting has been regularly held, averaging not much more than 20."

Another pastor, with a church membership of about 100, writes: "Average attendance at prayer meetings, 15. Great need of a reform in these meetings; not at all satisfactory; change of method does not reach the difficulty; more of the Holy Spirit's power necessary."

Bethlehem Church, Los Angeles, with a membership of 42, reports: "Average attendance at the prayer meetings, 35."

Moreno—"We have a neighborhood prayer meeting Wednesday evening at the homes of our church members. People live so far apart we have found it quite impracticable to have a meeting at the church. We are able to enter some homes whose inmates would not often come to a church prayer meeting. We often reach the unbelieving or unprofessing husband in this way. We make the meeting very informal, and it has done much toward interesting the people in the work of the church."

REVIVALS.

Ten of the churches report special meetings, not all of them confined to the church of our denomination, however. Some were union meetings.

From Santa Barbara comes this word: "There has been no marked special work of Divine grace except in connection with the Mills meetings, after which, at one communion, that celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church, 25 were received to membership, all excepting one on confession of faith."

Jamul—Special meetings for eight days, about March 1st, were held, led by Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D. Much interest; church revived. Quite a number expressed the desire and resolution to lead a Christian life, among them some ten or eleven young people. This led to the formation of a Y. P. S. C. E.

Ventura—"Our union revival services, under F. L. Smith, were entered into by our members, and our church members were blessed. The revival was just that—reviving Christians and not reaching very great numbers of the unconverted portion of the people. A few, perhaps a score or more, were converted."

Westminster—"Special meetings were held the second week in August, but none professed conversion."

South Riverside—"Union meetings were held last December, with Rev. J. D. Potter as evangelist, but only two were added to our church as a result. Seven have been added on confession at other times during the year as fruits of the regular work."

Park Church, Los Angeles—"Special services were held under O. B. Read, from which we received benefit."

Bethlehem, Los Angeles—"Rev. J. D. Potter was with us two weeks, beginning January 1, 1893. He did excellent work, and the meetings were largely attended, and some professed conversion."

San Diego, First—"June and July, 1892, immediately after the last meeting of the Association, witnessed a great revival in this city, after the series of meetings led by Rev. B. Fay Mills, adding many to our church membership."

Highlands—"Beginning with the week of prayer, 1893, special meetings were held in the church for a couple of weeks each evening. The pastor was assisted by Rev. T. C. Hunt, of Riverside. There was manifested a very deep interest on the part of Christian people. The church was greatly revived, and a number were led to accept Christ."

These are the only churches reporting special meetings, but, no doubt, others could say with the pastor of the Pomona Church: "While there has been no marked revival, there has been a steady religious interest. All additions on confession have been hand-picked."

BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

We have reports under this head from the following churches:

Highlands—"A new parsonage completed in October, 1892, at a cost of $1,500 (including the lot). All paid for on the field, save a loan of $500 from the Building Society."

Moreno—"Our church has been tastefully papered by one who was not of us but of Him, and screens have been neatly fitted to the windows and doors by one who is neither of us nor of Him; but we pray the works may bring faith."

Ontario—"The church building has been completed according to original plan. The addition doubles the seating capacity, which is now 400."

Pomona—"Improvements have been made on the church building at a cost of $3,000. All provided for by individual pledges. The size of the audience room has been doubled, and prayer meeting room added in the rear."

Olivet, Los Angeles—"Our building, which has received a large addition during the past three years, has been practically completed during the present year."

Bethlehem, Los Angeles—"Our building has been put up during the year, and is to us both a most helpful adjunct to our work and an evidence of the presence of God with us. The lots for the church and parsonage cost $3,775.50; church building, $5.186; repairs for parsonage, $443; furnishing, $350; total, $9,753.50."

Park Church, Los Angeles—"Our church cottage has been repaired at a cost of $135."

Rosedale—"A new church was completed and opened in April at a cost of $1,500."

Compton—"Improvements and repairs to the amount of about $100."

South Riverside—"Have expended some $550 in enlarging, papering and painting the parsonage."

Saticoy—"We have a parsonage in course of erection."

Ventura—"Since last General Association our church building has been repainted; chapel carpeted."

Perris—"Since last General Association the church has been entirely reseated with pews."

San Diego, Second—"Entrance porch added to the church; church thoroughly painted outside and papered within, and lots around the church planted with trees, and sidewalks laid."

Pasadena—"The building for its Chinese work already referred to."

Rialto—"A new church building all completed except tower and painting inside. Cost about $2,200."

Bloomington—"Have built and about completed a parsonage

since last March, and expect to build a church within the next year."

On the whole, our Southern California churches are doing good work, and, perhaps, taking advance steps as rapidly as can be expected when we consider the new and unsettled condition of many of our parishes. The last *Advance* tells us that "all but four of the churches in Southern California are supplied with pastors now, and candidates for the remaining vacant pulpits are at hand." It is to be hoped that these pastors and churches will all become so married to each other that we shall hear of fewer divorces in the year to come than we have had the past year. Then, with earnest effort to make the power of the Christ life and teaching felt in every parish, there is reason to believe that our eighth associational year will bring better results than any that have preceded it.

D.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION SUPERINTENDENT.

REV. J. T. FORD.

This report, because of the change in the time of our annual meeting, is made for a period of eighteen months.

1. It has been a period of many changes in the pastoral service of our mission fields. The demon of unrest seems to have taken possession of our ministers and churches, so that 26 out of 38 churches have changed pastors—four of them more than once. Along this line lie the chief perplexities and burdens of the oversight of our mission work.

Sometimes effort must be made to avert a change, for a pastorate should continue right on, unless there is good reason to the contrary. Sometimes there must be undertaken the more delicate but not less needed work of helping forward a change; for an unworthy, indiscreet, ill-reputed or ill-adapted pastor may work swift ruin to a newly organized church.

When a minister must be recommended or secured, sometimes the minister desires to visit several churches before making his choice, and the churches plan to hear each several ministers before giving a call. The result is inextricable confusion. If this method becomes universal, we enter upon an era of shepherdless, scattered and perishing churches, Some one must diligently guard against this tendency. But it is not easy to do it without seeming to interfere either with the self-government of the churches, or with individual liberty.

The question, Shall a vacant pastorate be filled by some Congre-

gational minister who is here waiting for work, or shall a man be imported from some other denomination, or from the East? is sometimes no less perplexing. We lay it down as a rule that unemployed ministers of our own denomination here on the ground, should have the preference, and that we should not import others until every suitable effort has been made to bring these ministers and the vacant churches together. But it often happens that a church have, for reasons of their own, already decided unfavorably to these, and the current of their thoughts cannot easily be changed. They have heard that hundreds of ministers in the East are waiting to come to Southern California. Why not invite one of the best of them? But how find the best? We burden the mails with inquiries. They bring back many answers from and concerning men anxious to come. We select our man—waste precious weeks in negotiating with him—and he decides at last that duty calls him to remain where he is; or, if he comes, we find, perhaps, that his flaming recommendations prove by their omissions, if not by their declarations, to be flaming falsehoods. Or, it may be he comes too late, for while he has hesitated, another has come uncalled and captivated the hearts of the people—and the door is shut. But whatever the result of the quest, the minister whose home is here is left without employment, and feels, doubtless justly, that he has been wronged by neglect, and either the Home Missionary Committee or the Superintendent must needs bear the blame.

If this tendency to seek new men, coupled with the prevailing drift of ministers to Southern California, be not sternly discouraged, the time is not far distant when it will be sadly true that Southern California will be noted as the place whither useful ministers come to be laid upon the shelf. I pray to be delivered from a share in bringing to pass such a consummation.

2. The period for which we report has also been one of a moderate enlargement of our work, connected with a severe retrenchment in our mission expenses.

Six new churches have been formed—Bloomington, Etiwanda and Hesperia in San Bernardino county; Flinn Valley, with several outlying stations, in San Diego county; Poso, in Kern county, and Bethlehem in the city of Los Angeles. The three first named are so yoked with others as to call for no additional appropriation for their support. The missionary at Flinn Valley was set free for this work, with no additional cost, by the yoking of his former church with another. Bethlehem church receives no more than was previously granted it as a mission, without church organization. Poso alone has called for an additional outlay, and that only $300.

The enlargement of our work during the previous year was made in the belief that it would be provided for by larger contributions, and through a voluntary release of money by churches reaching or near-

ing self-support. But our income has not increased to the measure of our expectation. The benevolent contributions of the churches have been greater, but they have been divided among a wider range of objects. In some parts of our district the ability to contribute seems to be less than heretofore. The people have waited since the first dark days that followed the boom, looking with heroic patience and hope for the return of light. But for six years the darkness has grown darker, and there are no clear signs of coming day. Our churches in such places feel that they cannot increase their contributions. They must themselves have more help, or be abandoned, or, perchance, be yoked with others.

Five churches have, indeed, come nominally to self-support, releasing for other use $1,200. But three other churches, heretofore self-supporting, have come back upon the society for aid to nearly the same amount, and this aid is, doubtless, necessary to their growth, if not to the continuance of their life. Of the five churches attaining self-support, three, Pasadena North, San Jacinto and Santa Ana, have done it because their ministers are ready to accept half pay rather than further burden our mission work. The remaining two, Sierra Madre and Monrovia, have become self-supporting by uniting their forces, being yoked under one pastor.

Four churches—Park, of Los Angeles, Mentone, San Diego and South Riverside, have, through most diligent and praiseworthy effort, been enabled to ask less aid, releasing for other work six hundred dollars; but as many other churches have asked increased aid, and our committee has been constrained by the reasons urged to recommend that it be granted, at least in part.

The process of retrenchment by reducing grants has been a most painful one, especially because it is to be feared that the reduction of a grant meant in most cases the reduction of the already meagre sal aries of our missionaries.

We are driven to the conclusion that, however loud the call, no more Home Mission money must be expended for new work until we have warrant for it by increased collections, or by release of money now granted, or by an increased apportionment from our Home Mission Society. To walk by faith while the churches walk by sight is not divine wisdom, but supreme folly, And yet, in many parts of our district, the harvest is perishing for want of laborers.

3. Again, the period for which we report has been one of progress and prosperity in the churches aided. Six of them, houseless before, have built new churches—three in San Bernardino county, Mentone, Rialto and Needles; two in Kern county, Bakersfield and Rosedale; and Bethlehem in the city of Los Angeles. The latter is provided not only with an audience-room, but with a reading-room, industrial rooms, school-room, and coffee-room, as counter-attractions

to the many saloons in that neighborhood. The cost of the lot and house was not far from $10,000, secured by the energy and consecrated grit of the pastor, yet freely given by persons outside his congregation. It is worthy to be noted, as indicating the reality of Christian fellowship, that most generous collections for this enterprise were taken in churches of other denominations. The church at Needles, though occupied, is still unfinished within—its walls and timbers bare and rough, because the tenure by which lots are held in that town is not such as to satisfy the rules according to which our Church Building Society grants its aid. Ought not special contributions from the churches in such case to supplement the work done by that people, and give them a finished and attractive house!

Three aided churches have new parsonages—Mentone, Bloomington and Bethlehem—and four have greatly improved their houses of worship—Perris, San Diego Second, Plymouth, and Third Church, Los Angeles.

The membership also of the churches has greatly increased. According to our statistics for the calendar year 1892, 543 members were added to our 40 aided churches—an average of about 13½ per church; 218 of these on confession of faith—an average of about 5½ per church, or about one to every eight members on the roll. We thank God for this measure of growth. It compares well with the growth of churches in other parts of our country. But, brethren, ought the labor of eight members for a twelvemonth to result in only one conversion?

Since it is more blessed to give than to receive, the measure of our giving must be one of the tests of our prosperity. During the Home Missionary year, ending April 1, 1893, our Southern California churches were blessed in giving for home missions $4,335.95, about $1.25 per resident member. Thirteen of our churches attained the standard rate of $2 per resident member. These were Compton, Hyde Park, West End, Mentone, Needles, Ontario, Pasadena First, Perris, Pomona, San Jacinto, San Miguel, Santa Barbara and Villa Park. South Riverside lacked only $5.09, and Spring Valley only $3.08 of reaching this standard. They may have made more meritorious effort than some of the first thirteen. If all the reports of the W. H. M. U. were completely itemized, it might appear that these did reach the standard. Shall they not be counted in this honorary grade, making the number fifteen?

Our receipts this year were greater than for the last year by $318.81. But they were less than for the next preceding year by $161.32. High-water mark was reached that year—no progress since. But the membership of our churches has increased largely during these years. The rate per member of our Home Mission contributions has been gradually diminishing since our first year as a separate Home

Missionary district. For the year ending April 1, 1888, we contributed $1.66 per member; for '89, $1.55 per member; for '90, $1.33 per member; for '91, $1.55 per member; for '92, $1.21 per member; for '93, $1.25 per member.

This brings us to considerations affecting our future work. Shall this decline in our Home Mission contributions continue? Must our Home Mission work divide its income more and more with other departments of labor? Must our moral wastes continue, on this account, to be neglected? Our College is on our hands, indeed, and must be sustained. But our Home Mission work must be sustained none the less, for it is the foundation on which our college work rests. Only as Congregational churches are planted and nourished can we expect our college to grow. Our Home Mission work must be pushed forward by larger contributions and renewed enthusiasm, or the enlarged constituency and wider influence which the college seeks will be wanting. There is laid upon us, also, the duty of preaching the gospel *throughout the whole world*. But all the more must America itself be evangelized, if it is to evangelize heathendom. The foreign missionary is born of home evangelization. More thorough home evangelization, more foreign missionaries. More thorough home evangelization, fewer missionaries of Satan to counteract the influence of the missionaries of Christ. It may be questioned whether the sailors we send out, and the rum they carry, do not do more to degrade the heathen than the gospel missionary does to elevate them. Our daily papers, which are supposed to reflect the condition and public sentiment of our country, go abroad to heathen lands. They are read there more and more. It is to be feared that they do sorry work in evangelizing the heathen world. Our home evangelizing agencies must be greatly multiplied and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to regenerate public sentiment, and so regenerate the newspaper, or our own country will become too corrupt to send forth blessings to foreign lands. The fountains of our influence must be cleansed, or they will send forth more bitter waters than sweet.

Besides, God is sending to us here in California representatives from every quarter of the world; from every nationality in Europe; Spanish Americans from every government in Central and South America; thousands from Asia—Armenians, Syrians and men from China and Japan; the sons of Africa, and many also from the islands of the sea. In no part of our country, except, perhaps, in the cities of New York and Chicago, are the nations of the world so represented as in our own California. This is supposed by them to be a Christian state, and its public sentiment a Christian sentiment. Their impressions of Christianity are determined by what they find here, and these impressions go back to the lands from whence they come. If they find here developments of vice and crime that would shame heathen-

ism, if they themselves suffer the smart of injustice or neglect, what wonder if Jesus Christ should be regarded by them as the patron of depravity and wrong? But has not God sent them here to be saved and to become missionaries of salvation to their own far-away people?

Pentecost is repeated here in the gathering together of men from every nation under heaven. And does not God mean that Pentecost should be repeated here by the preaching of the gospel in all their tongues, with power unto salvation? Is not *our* Foreign Mission work brought to our very doors? We are confronted with the spectacle of the nations sent to California to learn of Christ, while California still needs salvation before it can teach them. If some make the effort, the influence of the life of the state as a whole works mightily against them. Shall our Home Mission work be stinted? Enlarge it rather —multiply its agencies—consecrate to it all we have and all we are, not only for the sake of our state, but for the sake of the whole world for which Christ died. Not that we should do less for Foreign Missions, or less for our college, but that we should do more for Home Missions for the very sake of our college and of our Foreign Mission work.

What, then, shall we do for this work during the current year? We have spoken of contributions at the rate of $2 per member. But, in view of such considerations as these, we seem to be trifling when we set before the churches no higher standard than this. Yet, when we turn to our Home Missionary journal we find our churches reported as contributing for the first six months of this year—from April to September—only $221.45, but little more than five cents per member for one-half the year. We need $1.25 per member, twenty-five times the amount thus far contributed, to sustain on short rations the missionaries already in the field. For a church to contribute less is to vote a retreat. For a church to average $2 per member is to vote an advance. Shall we lower the standard because of commercial depression? In God's economy, prosperity, temporal as well as spiritual, depends upon *giving*. Hard times are his call to a wider opening of heart and hand and pocket for his work. If the money of our churches were all consecrated money, it would be an easy, joyous thing for each to do his part as God hath prospered him. Our deep poverty would abound unto the riches of our liberality. But whatever others may do, let those whom God has blessed with larger means, or with the willing mind, give more abundantly to make up what is lacking from those who have not the means or the heart to give. The resolve made by many in consecrated spirit—"In these times I will give more because others must give less"—is the key to the solution of the hard problem that now perplexes the directors of our Mission work.

Whatever the standard or the resolve, now is the time to work.

Less than five months of our year remain. Our Secretaries at New York have appointed a Home Missionary rally day for the children—the Sunday before Thanksgiving day. The Home Missionary army idea, the enrollment card, the tent mite box, are suited to attract attention. The rally exercise will interest and instruct those who join in it and those who hear. Let pastor and superintendent help on this plan, and the children will not be wanting. If our church Sunday Schools contribute at the rate of ten cents per member, the income will be more than $500. And what hinders them from contributing at this rate, especially if parents become children for the time and help to fill the mite boxes? The house will be filled at the rally exercise. The collection taken then will enlarge the amount. Our pastors, by a kindly and judicious promoting of this movement, may bring in $1,000 this month to our treasury. This, sent forward at once, will help to save our missionaries the impending hardship of delayed remittances.

This should be only introductory to the regular church collection, which should be taken—when? On the very last Sabbath of the year? No; at the latest before the first of March, so that there may be time enough to collect from all who will give, and to forward the amount before the year closes. If the pastor plan the campaign, if he fail not of a Home Mission sermon, replete with information and incitement, if a method of collection be adopted that reaches every one who may be expected to give, if the work be undertaken with the definite purpose that the church shall give its full share of the amount required, we shall have no deficiency this year to lay to the already overburdened charge of the financial panic.

Consecration is, indeed, the most important factor in free and abundant giving, but information and specific opportunity and systematic collection must needs be added to determine and widen the channels in which consecrated benevolence shall flow.

E.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California, in account with James T. Ford, Treasurer:

1892.		Cr.		
June 1	By collection held in trust for ministerial relief			$39 65
	By balance in Treasury			84 19
	By dues from Santa Barbara	$	11 90	
	" " Pasadena, First		16 24	
	" " Santa Ana		5 50	
	" " Ventura		9 25	
	" " South Riverside		3 30	
	" " Long Beach		2 45	
	" " Escondido		3 35	
	" " Pomona		15 89	
	" " Nordhoff		2 80	
	" " Compton		3 70	
	" " Ontario		4 60	
	" " Westminster		2 50	
	" " Redlands		9 66	
	" " West End		2 65	
	" " Los Angeles, First		33 11	
	" " Edgemont		35	
	" " Pasadena, North		2 43	
	" " Monrovia ('91-92)		6 58	
	" " Avalon		1 50	
	" " San Diego		15 60	
	" " Sierra Madre		5 81	
	" " Vernondale		6 10	
	" " Villa Park		1 10	
	" " San Diego, Second		2 50	
	" " Highlands		5 67	
	" " Eagle Rock		2 38	
	" " Hyde Park		95	
	" " Pico Heights		2 45	
	" " Perris		5 00	
	" " De Luz		54	
	" " Poway		2 17	
	" " Dehesa		1 58	
	" " Claremont		2 36	
	" " Riverside		19 45	
				212 62
Sept. 1	By cash from Rev. H. P. Case for 25 copies of minutes			2 00

	By dues from San Jacinto	3 22		
	" " Santa Monica	2 31		
	" " Rialto	2 17		
	" " Spring Valley	1 26		
	" " Chula Vista	1 25		
	" " Jamul	1 25		
	" " National City	7 86		
				19 32
Dec. 22	By dues from San Bernardino, First			6 30
1893.				
May 3	By dues from Plymouth Church, Los Angeles	3 50		
	" " Olivet, Los Angeles	3 55		
	" " Oceanside	1 40		
	" " Moreno	90		
	" " Bethel, San Bernardino	2 80		
	" " San Miguel	91		
	" " Park, Los Angeles	5 95		
	" " East Los Angeles	10 70		
	" " Los Angeles, Third	5 46		
				35 17
				$399 25

1892 *Dr.*

June 1	To receipt book and postage	$ 0 99	
Aug. 3	To expense of printing minutes	147 00	
" 5	To expense of wrapping and directing minutes	2 50	
" 5	Postage of minutes	6 62	
" 6	Express charges for minutes	5 00	
" 6	To pay dues to National Congregational Council for 1892	61 50	
Sept. 1	Rev. D. H. Colcord for postage	1 75	
1893.			
May 25	To expense of printing statistics for 1892, 1600 copies	18 00	
" 30	To expense of printing circular	1 00	
" 30	To expense of postage	1 20	
June 9	To pay Rev. D. H. Colcord for postage	2 00	
Oct. 26	To expense of postal card circular	1 50	
	Receipt book	35	
Nov. 8	Dues to National Council for 1893	63 72	
	Balance to new account	86 12	
			$399 25

F.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION OF THE PACIFIC COAST CONGREGATIONAL ALLIANCE.

In view of the character of this gathering, which has brought together representatives of the Congregational Churches of Washington, Oregon and California, in view of the absolute oneness of our views upon the subject of unifying, systematizing and strengthening the work of Christian education by Congregationalists upon the Pacific Coast, in view of the hearty approval of the Congregational Club of San Francisco as expressed in a large and representative meeting, and in view of the important work which seems to be within the reach of an organized alliance; therefore,

Resolved—First, That we take immediate steps to bring this matter to the attention of the General Association of Washington, Oregon, Northern California and Southern California, asking them to elect fifteen members each in a manner to be specified by the executive committee, to form the basis of a Pacific Coast Congregational Alliance for the Promotion of Education; and that we proceed to request the Boards of Trustees of Whitman College, Pacific University, Pomona College and Pacific Theological Seminary, to appoint the President and one other member of the Faculty to represent them in the above Alliance, and the Boards of Trustees of Belmont Academy, Tualitin Academy and the Preparatory School of Pomona College, to appoint the principals of their respective schools to represent them in the proposed Alliance; and, further,

Resolved—Second, That, as soon as practicable after these various bodies have acted upon these suggestions, a meeting be called for the purpose of organization.

In view of the valuable work which a Pacific Coast Congregational Alliance for the Promotion of Education can undertake at once,

Resolved—Third, That, until the permanent Alliance can be formed, the undersigned representatives of Congregational Churches unite to form such an Alliance, and for that purpose adopt the following Constitution, under which we may act until the larger organization shall have been perfected:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be the Pacific Coast Congregational Alliance for the Protection of Education.

ARTICLE II.

The Object shall be to unify, systematize and strengthen the work of Christian education by Congregationalists upon the Pacific Coast.

ARTICLE III.

The Officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors, and these ten officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Alliance.

ARTICLE IV.

This Organization shall exist as a self-perpetuating body, meeting at the call of the Executive Committee, until such time as the permanent organization contemplated in the preceding resolutions shall have been effected, at which time this body shall report to such newly constituted Alliance the work done, the Treasurer shall turn over any funds to such Alliance, and this body shall then cease to exist.

SUGGESTED PRINCIPLES.

1. Each field, through its resident directors or by such other agency and in such manner as it may see fit to employ, to be responsible for the management of its educational work within its own limits.

2. Each field for the present to raise its own funds, either within its own territory or at the east.

3. Undesignated legacies or gifts, should such come to the Alliance, shall be assigned or divided only by the full voice of the representatives of all the fields; regard being always had to relative need and general suitability of apportionment in view of locality or supposed preference of donor or devisor.

4. Only an advisory relation is contemplated or shall be attempted as between fields or by the whole or any part.

5. The main desire is to cultivate a familiarity between fields and of the whole territory by each part. This to be aimed at through correspondence, visitation and in all other practical ways, particularly by exchange of delegates and visitors to General Association meetings and commencements and through educational addresses and discussions at the same.

6. A union of all portions of the field in formulating statements for the press and other publications which affect the general welfare, on pro rata division of the expense involved.

G.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

1. The name of this organization is: "The Congregational Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California"

2. The object of this society is to aid needy Congregational ministers, and also the families of deceased ministers not otherwise provided for.

The society shall also endeavor to secure gifts of land and money for the above object, and also gifts of land and money for the establishment and maintenance of a Ministers' Home.

3. The contribution of one dollar annually shall constitute any member of a Congregational Church a member of this society. An annual contribution from any church shall entitle such church to membership. Twenty dollars contributed at one time shall constitute a life membership.

4. The business of the society shall be transacted by, and all its property held by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, such Directors to be elected by and from the members of the society upon nomination by the General Association of Southern California.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held each year on the last day of the meeting of the General Association.

The Directors shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

5. The Directors shall keep a full record of their proceedings, and shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of the society.

6. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, due notice of the proposed change having been given at least one month previously.

7. Such By-Laws may be adopted by the society or by the Directors as may be deemed important to carry out the object of the society.

H.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

At the annual meeting of this Association held May 14, 1890, the following was reported as a suitable course of study for Ministers who have entered the work without Seminary Theological training:

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History.....Wm. Smith, L.L. D.
2. Introduction to Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.
3. Logic.....W. S. Jevons.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.
5. Church Polity .....Dexter or Ross.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament History.....Wm. Smith, L.L. D.
2. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith.
3. Psychology.....Noah Porter, D. D.
4. Homiletics.....Prof. A. Phelps or F.W. Fisk.
5. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith.
2. Christian Ethics.....Calderwood.
3. Rhetoric.....A. S. Hill.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

It was voted that this report be adopted, and that we recommend to councils for ordination that candidates who have not taken a complete theological course of study be requested to complete the course arranged by this Committee, or its equivalent, before ordination.

I.

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Bixby, Alanson	S. B.	Pastor	Dehesa	'50
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Park, Austin L.	S.	B.	Retired	Redlands	'64
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Robertson, Geo.....S. B.....Pastor.....Mentone.....'82
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Sumner, Chas. B.....L. A.....Prof. Col'ge Claremont.....'72
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Voorhees, Henry M...S. B.....Pastor.....Escondido.....'65
Weage, Edward D.....S. B.....Pastor.....National City.....'84
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Name	Ass'n., etc.	Employment	P. O. Address	Ordained
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FOR THE YEAR 1893.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS			MEMBERS				ADMIT'D			REMOVED				BAPT.		Families.
City or Town	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Avalon	'89	J. Stamford				9	11	20	3	1	1	2		5		5		1	20
Bakersfield	'92	Frank C. Parke	John W. Phillips, P.	'93	'93	9	19	28	3	3	4	7		3	2	5	2	1	30
Ballena	'89	Chas. A. Lumsden																	
Bloomington	'92	L. H. Snodgrass	Edward R. Brainard, P.	'84	'92	12	20	32		10	22	32					2	8	45
Buena Park	'88	Dea. D. J. Young	Fraderick A. Field, P.	'80	'93	14	22	36			4	4		2		2		1	
Carlsbad	'87	Miss Esther Frazier				1	5	6	6										
Chula Vista	'90	John T. Judkins				8	25	33	2		2	2		2		2		3	27
Claremont	'91	Mrs. F. L. Norton	Henry W. Jones, P.	'66	'93	34	26	60	8	1	12	13		3		4			30
Compton	'88	Clark S. Hazeltine	James H. Harwood P.	'63	'93	21	36	57	8	4	4	8	1	5	1	7		1	27
Dehesa	'87	Edward E. Davis	Alanson Bixby, P.	'50	'87	12	13	25	4		2	2		10		10			15
De Luz	'89	Fred H. Orvis	Henry M. Daniels, P.	'61	'89	4	5	9											6
Eagle Rock, P.O. Verdugo	'86	J. D. Broxam	George Morris, P.	'60	'93	22	17	39											18
Encinitas	'90	Dea. J. L. Chaffin	J. L. Pearson, Lic. Oceanside		'93	2	9	11	2					2	2	4			20
Escondido	'86	Mrs. F. W. Sturges	Henry M. Voorhees, P.	'65	'93	25	35	60		1	5	6		2		2	1	1	40
Etiwanda	'93	A. H. Dugdale	Edward R. Brainerd, P.	'84	'92	6	14	20		7	13	20					2		40
Flinn Valley, P.O. Lakeside	'92	S. C. Condore	John A. Rogers, P.	'90	'92	6	8	15	2		1	1						1	10
Halleck	'84	Stephen Edwards	Leman N. Barber, P.	'70	'93	14	13	27	23		1	1							20
Hesperia	'93	Stephen Edwards	Lehman N. Barber, P.	'70	'93	6	3	9			2	2							20
Highland, P.O. Mesalina	'84	Frank Cram	Stephen A. Norton, P.	'81	'92	46	57	103	8	3	11	14		3		3	3		65
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaelle, P.	'87	'90	3	6	9	1										40
Jamul	'90	Mrs. C. A. Sheldon	Isaac W. Atherton, P.	'59	'91	7	10	17		1	1	2		2		2	1		25
Long Beach	'88	Clinton F. Dille				16	32	48		6	2	8							
Los Angeles, First	'67	Wm. R. Blackman	Robert G. Hutchins, P.	'66	'88	210	324	544	110	13	18	31	10	16	6	32	4		280
" Park	'84	J. W. Fowler	Thomas Hendry, P.	'91	'91	40	81	121		3	7	10	1	8	6	15		6	
" Third	'85	E. F. Gomes	J. Fletcher Brown, P.	'72	'93	20	38	58	16	1	4	5		9	18	27	1	6	125
" East	'87	Miss Myra Jacobus				63	100	163	28	5	6	11	1	3	28	32			
" Olivet	'89	B. W. Pierce	Austin B White, P.	'61	'93	15	25	40	2		3	3		6		6			50
" Plymouth	'88	J. Flint Bixby	Charles L. Valle	'82	'92	25	47	72	5	1	26	27	1	1	2	4		2	80
" West End	'89	James Travis	George Morris, P.	'60	'93	14	23	37	6		8	8	2	5		7		3	30
" Bethlehem	'92	Gerry I. Foster	Francis M. Price, P.	'83	'91	19	25	44		9	4	13	1	3		4	1	1	150
Mentone	'93	Wm. J. Atwood	George Robertson, P.	'82	'93	16	23	39	2	4	6	10		5		5		2	50
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. I. V. Bent	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, P.	'68	'92	14	31	45	13		4	4		5		5			28
Moreno	'91	Chas. W. Godfrey	Stephen G. Emerson, P.	'91	'93	31	35	66	3	7	15	22	2	3		5	4	6	48
National City	'81	E. G. Adams	Edward D. Weage, P.	'84	'86	39	62	101	13		4	4	1	8	6	15		2	60
Needles	'92	Rev. Joseph Overton	Joseph Overton, P.	'82	'93	1	8	9			2	2	1	3		4		2	60

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CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS			MEMBERS.				ADMITT'D			REMOVED.			BAPT.		Families.
City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	De.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Nordhoff	'88	W. E. Wilsie	John A. Milligan, p	'83	'92	21	33	54	4	8	5	13	2	3	.....	5	7	2	55
Oceanside	'85	Mrs. F. J. Paden	[John L. Pearson, Lic]		'93	7	11	18	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	6	.....	.....	12
Ontario	'85	Alfred E. Tracy	Alfred E Tracy, p	'72	'88	41	59	100	14	2	8	10	1	2	.....	3	1	2	60
Pasadena—First	'85	Dea. G. A. Green	Dexter D. H.ll. p	'69	'86	115	179	294	.....	12	24	36	6	13	.....	22	9	2	160
" —North	'89	Rev. H. T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, p.	'60	'88	21	34	55	4	3	5	8	1	2	.....	3	3	1	40
Paso Robles	'93	Mrs. Abbie C. Ayers			.....	8	14	22	.....	1	21	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perris	'87	Mrs. D. McPherson	William N. Burr, p	'88	'92	32	53	85	13	2	10	12	2	6	4	12	1	2	50
Pico Heights	'87	O. T. Thomas	John M. Schaelle, p	'87	'91	17	23	40	11	10	.....	10	.....	.....	1	1	.....	5	50
Pomona	'87	Chas. M. Stone	Lucian H. Frary, p c	'69	'88	112	167	279	36	11	40	51	4	10	.....	14	7	5	195
Poso	'93	Mrs. Lucia Alston	Alfred K. Johnson, p	'63	'93	7	5	12	.....	3	9	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, p	'45	'87	15	23	38	.....	5	6	11	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	20
Redlands—First	'30	A. S. McPherron	John H. Williams, p	'73	'93	59	97	156	8	3	14	17	2	12	.....	14	2	.....	100
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Rev. A. L. Park	Orange H. Spoor, p	'61	'90	26	45	71	3	2	3	5	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	60
Rialto	'90	W. D. Humphreys	Edward R. Brainerd, p	'84	'93	18	24	42	.....	2	2	4	3	.....	.....	3	1	3	41
Riverside	'72	W. L. Koethen	Theodore C. Hunt, p c	'80	'85	125	189	314	38	4	26	30	4	12	5	21	1	7	145
Rosedale	'92	J. T. Sharpe	Alfred K Johnson, p	'63	'92	12	11	23	.....	5	6	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
San Bernardino—First	'67	Miss Ada Smith	James R. Knodell, p	'79	'93	24	72	96	20	1	8	9	.....	15	.....	15	1	.....	.....
" —Bethel	'89	Mrs. H. A. Conklin	Oramel W. Lucas, p	'83	'92	8	15	23	1	1	3	4	1	6	4	11	2	2	.....
San Diego—First	'86	Dea. M. T. Gilmore				115	235	350	37	8	24	32	3	16	.....	19	5	4	100
" —Second	'88	Miss Jennie Robertson	George S. Hall, p	'77	'91	14	36	50	9	4	4	8	1	1	.....	2	1	4	40
San Jacinto	'86	John L. Hudson	Alex. W. Thompson, p	'80	'92	20	30	50	4	.....	9	9	2	2	2	6	.....	.....	20
San Luis Obispo	'92	Robert B. Morton	George Willett, p	'78	'93	15	20	35	7	7	11	18	.....	9	.....	9	6	.....	25
San Miguel	'86	Benj. F. Moody	Benjamin F. Moody, p	'85	'92	7	22	29	6	6	3	9	.....	7	.....	7	.....	1	15
Santa Ana	'89	F. A. Marks	Edward T. Fleming, p	'86	'93	32	76	108	.....	1	4	5	1	13	17	31	1	.....	35
Santa Barbara	'67	Eli Kimberly	Franklin F. Pearse, p	'83	'93	69	136	205	38	2	5	7	2	3	.....	5	1	2	147
Santa Monica	'90	R. W Gray	(Geo. Cochrane, C. M.,) p	'55	'93	14	16	30	9	3	.....	3	.....	4	11	15	1	.....	16
Saticoy	'91	Mrs. Elizabeth Pardee	Richard Pratt	'64	'91	8	25	33	.....	2	3	5	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	40
Sierra Madre	'86	W. D. Osgood	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, p	'68	'93	29	41	70	11	2	10	12	1	2	11	14	1	2	45
South Riverside	'87	J. S. Jewell	J. Spencer Jewell, p	'66	'90	33	4	73	6	4	15	19	1	3	2	6	.....	2	61
Spring Valley (Helix)	'88	Herbert Stiles	Isaac W. Atherton, p	'59	'91	14	18	32	1	3	6	9	1	2	.....	3	.....	.....	22
Ventura	'69	Solon West	Frank N. Merriam, p	'92	'91	52	90	142	40	13	6	19	1	10	.....	11	9	4	65
Vernondale	'85	W. F. G. Blaikie	George A. Rawson, p	'60	'89	33	48	81	4	2	5	7	2	9	5	16	.....	3	45
Villa Park	'89	Dea. Henry Snyder			.....	7	11	18	3	2	7	9	.....	1	1	2	2	.....	30
Westminster	'78	G. W. Mack	(Daniel C. Starkey, U.B.,) p.	'63	'93	10	17	27	7	.....	1	1	.....	4	1	5	.....	.....	15

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CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL					Y.P.S C.E.	BENEVOLENCE											
Place	Superintendent	M	A'g	Ad. Ch.	Ben. Cont.	Mem.	For-eign	Educ'n	Ch'h Bldg.	H'me Mis'y	A.M. A.	S.S.	New West.	M'l Aid	Other.	Total.	Leg ac's	Home Exp.
Avalon	J. Stamford	150	60	1	6 60	13			10 00			10 00				20 00		508 00
Bakersfield	J. W. Phillips	35	22		$ 2 00				$ 8 00	$ 6 60					4 00	$ 18 00		$ 333 00
Ballena																		
Bloomington	W. H. H. Easton	60	50	4	4 00	30				17 00		4 00				21		5 0 00
Buena Park	Robert Brydon	60	15			32												275 00
Carlsbad																		
Chula Vista	Chas. A. Whittemore	36	30				10 00			10 00						20 00		343 00
Claremont	Frank P. Brackett	150	66	1	22 00	65	30 00			85 00	50 00					165 00		284 00
Compton	John B. Lossing	70	53		6 00	18	12 00		10 00	86 00		5 00				113 00		573 00
Dehesa	Oscar B. Avis	44	32							10 00						10 00		
De Luz	H. M. Daniels	20			2 00		2 00			2 00						4 00		7 00
Eagle Rock, P.O. Verdugo	J. Q. Adams	52	39		7 00	15												148 00
Encinitas	Mrs. F. P. Nichols	20	18							2 00						2 00		94 00
Escondido	N. J. Rice, M. D.	100	75		10 00													
Etiwanda	A. R. Loud	45	36	2	2 00	17	1 00			30 00		2 00				33 00		175 00
Flinn Valley, P.O Lakeside	Samuel C. Dondore	23					1 00									1 00		
Halleck	J. T. Auchmeclin	40																30 00
Hesperia	H. A. Grinnell	45	29															86 00
Highland, P.O. Messina	S. H. Barrett	80	60		23 00	35	57 00			68 00		6 00			5 00	136 00		1418 00
Hyde Park	Frank B Clark	55	30		7 00	18				27 00		7 00			18 00	52 00		375 00
Jamul	Wm. D. Ferguson	35	25	1	3 00	15				10 00		3 00				13 00		214 00
Long Beach										45 00					17 00	62 00		1100 00
Los Angeles, First	Don A. Judd	426	231	1	115 00	100	131 00			269 00		10 00			387 00	797 00		8264 00
" Park	I. H. Vening	160	115		35 00	38				85 00		15 00			55 00	155 00		2350 00
" Third	J. D. Tracy	125	80	1		9				91 00		8 00				99 00		467 00
" East	Daniel Jones					44			16 00	46 00						62 00		
" Olivet	J. H. Hixon	124	92			12	3 00			18 0				2 00		23 00		605 00
" Plymouth	Robert M. Kenney	90	65	1	2 00	25	10 00			55 00	20 00	3 00			7 00	95 00		1200 00
" West End	James Travis	90	55		28 00	37	10 00			60 00		5 00				75 00		310 00
" Bethlehem	John Terrace	175	110		10 00					21 00		7 00				28 00		8062 00
Mentone	Wm. J. Atwood	40	37		4 00	40				4 00		4 00		1 00	10 00	19 00		450 00
Monrovia	W. J. Hornby	30							1 00	10 00					2 00	13 00		307 00
Moreno	L. F. Hotchkiss	75	50	6	17 00	37				49 00						49 00		632 00
National City	E. D. Weage	71	34		11 00	35	29 00		6 00	65 00	13 00	4 00				117 00		1187 00
Needles	Joseph Overton	46	30		6 00		5 00			16 00		3 00				24 00		900 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL					Y.P.S. C.E.	BENEVOLENCE											
Place	Superintendent	M	A'g	Ad. Ch.	Ben. Cont.	Mem.	For.	Educ'n	Ch'h Bl'dg	H'me Mis'y	A. M. A.	S. S.	New W st.	M'l Aid	Other.	Total.	Le ac's	Home Exp.
Nordhoff	Frank P. Barrows	112	70	6	14 00	30	5 00			55 00		8 00			35 00	103 00		850 00
Oceanside	John L. Pearson	22	18		2 00				3 00			2 00				5 00		60 00
Ontario	Alfred E. Tracy	125	79	2	25 00	48	245 00	1510 00	48 00	265 00	68 00	18 00				2154 00		3305 00
Pasadena—First	A. L. Hamilton	225	160	8	78 00	126	110 00			405 00	24 00	14 00			794 00	1347 00		3727 00
Pasadena—North	J. H. Woodworth	70	45	3		27	14 00			31 00		5 00			3 00	53 00		700 00
Paso Robles	Rev. B. F. Moody																	
Perris	W. N. Burr	80	57			31	37 00		5 00	133 00		12 00				187 00		1057 00
Pico Heights	O. T. Thomas	98	62	3	7 00	13		6 00	26 00	24 00		7 00		2 00	32 00	97 00		242 00
Pomona	Edward P. Shaw	264	125	7	69 00	131	229 00	850 00		534 00	12 00	21 00		3 00	68 00	1787 00		4351 00
Poso	Sidney Root	33	25															
Poway	A. P. Ruche	50	30	5						10 00	10 00	8 00				28 00		170 00
Redlands—First	I. S. Edwards	15	94	2	57 00	57	96 00		18 00	123 00	49 00	11 00		6 00	75 00	377 00		2000 00
Redlands—Lugonia Terrace	C. H. Lathrop	112	59	1	12 00	40				75 00		15 00				90 00		960 00
Rialto	Miss Edna Espy	45	30	1	2 00	9	2 00					2 00				4 00		1650 00
Riverside	C. W. Ekins	261	165	1	46 00	73	140 00		68 00	255 00		21 00			20 00	594 00		3400 00
Rosedale	Union								10 00	10 00						20 00		800 00
San Bernardino—First	Miss Emily Judson	75	50	1		32	28 00		12 00	10 00						50 00		1305 00
San Bernardino—Bethel	H. B. Muscott	75	46	1	4 00				2 00	13 00		11 00				26 00		428 00
San Diego—First	D. a. F. R. Burnham	175	125		36 00	75	251 00	20 00		650 00	150 00	100 00			300 00	1600 00		3818 00
San Diego—Second	J. W. Williams	80	40		4 00	12	7 00			40 00	6 00	4 00				57 00		630 00
San Jacinto	Miss Sarah Mead	80	56		13 00	25	58 00			53 00		13 00				124 00		400 00
San Luis Obispo	Thomas Dawson	115	47		11 00	30				11 00		10 00				21 00		618 00
San Miguel	Mrs. Clara Telford	35	33	5			3 00		4 00	22 00						29 00		309 00
Santa Ana	F. E. Cerham	85	55			33				40 00						40 00		
Santa Barbara	H. R. Hitchcock	86	54	1	17 00	30	170 00		13 00	543 00	78 00	17 00			96 00	917 00		2563 00
Santa Monica	James Gray	65	37		6 00	14				43 00		6 00				49 00		761 00
Saticoy	Mrs. S. S. Sharp	50	30		3 00	24			5 00	26 00					3 00	34 00		456 00
Sierra Madre	J. C. Dickson	70	44	2	9 00	33			4 00	14 00					13 00	31 00		550 00
South Riverside	F. H. Robinson	163	64	2	20 00	15	8 00		6 00	88 00		5 00		2 00	35 00	144 00		1212 60
Spring Valley—Helix	E. W. Jenny	35	25	2	9 00	25	7 00		10 00	9 00		8 00				34 00		300 00
Ventura	W. R. H. Weldon	80	70	8	10 00	39	27 00		117 00	147 00	15 00	9 00			8 00	323 00		1650 00
Vernondale	George Hanna	120	85		39 00	20	14 00			51 00	10 00	15 00			20 00	140 00		830 00
Villa Park	Henry Snyder	60	40	2		30	6 00		3 00	35 00						41 00		265 00
Westminster	Hausler Larter	38	30		1				2 00	12 00		11 00		1 00		26 00	825	278 00

STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE YEAR 1892.

CHURCHES.		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.			MEMBERS.				ADMITT'D			REMOVED.				BAPT.		Families
City or Town.	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Avalon	'89	J. Stamford	George Morris, p	'60	'90	12	11	23	5	2		2						1	25
Bakersfield	'92	Frank C. Parke	Alfred K. Johnson, p	'63	'92	11	16	27		7	20	27					1	1	35
Ballena	'89	Charles A. Lumsden																6	
Bloomington	'92	L. H. Snodgrass	Edward R. Brainerd, p	'84	'92	10	14	24		7	17	24							40
Buena Park	'88	Dea. D. J. Young	J. W. Phillips, p	'92	'92	15	22	37		2	7	9		1		1			30
Carlsbad	'87	Miss Esther Frazier				1	5	6	6										
Claremont	'91	Mrs. Fanny L. Norton				29	22	51	8	2	1	3		1		1	1		17
Chula Vista	'90	John T. Judkins	William C. Merrill, p	'84	'90	10	23	33	2		15	15							25
Compton	'88	Clark S. Hazeltine	John W. Zimmerman, p	'76	'92	20	36	56	13	1	8	9	1	5		6	1		30
Dehesa	'87	Ernest Dickenson	Alanson Bixby, p	'50	'87	14	19	33	2	6	3	9					1	2	25
De Luz	'89	Fred. H. Orvis	Henry M. Daniels, p	'61	'89	4	5	9										4	10
Eagle Rock, P.O. Verdugo,	'86	Jno. W. Broxham, Sta. A,	Henry M. Jones			17	22	39	11	4	5	9		2	3	5		4	25
Encinitas	'90	J. L. Chaffin	[J. L. Pearson, Lic.]		'90	4	11	15		5		5		5		5	1		20
Escondido	'86	Mrs. Francis W. Sturges.	Henry M. Voorhees, p		'93	20	35	55	7	1	11	12	1	4		5	1	3	50
Flinn Valley—Lakeside	'92	Jno. W. White, Lakeside	John A. Rogers, p		'90	7	7	14		6	8	14					4	7	9
Halleck	'84	Chas. I. Huey	Leman N. Barber, p		'70	13	12	25	14										25
Hesperia	'92	Rev Stephen Edwards	Leman N. Barber, p		'70	5	2	7			7	7							20
Highland—P. O. Messina	'84	Mrs. R. S. Thompson	Stephen A. Norton, p		'81	42	50	92	10	10	6	16	1	3	1	5	1		50
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaefle, p		'87	3	6	9	1		1	1			2	2			40
Jamul	'90	Mrs. Clara A. Sheldon	Isaac W. Atherton, p		'89	7	10	17			2	2		3		3			19
Long Beach	'88	Clinton F. Dille	[Robert M. Webster, p]		'67	14	26	40	6	4		4	1		3	4			19
Los Angeles—First	'67	William R. Blackman	Robert G. Hutchins, p		'66	217	328	545	117	75	31	106	2	32		34	49	6	280
" Park	'84	I. W. Fowler, 115 W. 2d st	Thomas Hendry, p		'91	44	82	126	26	21	15	36		15	8	23	10	2	50
" Third	'85	F. H. Tarrant	Samuel Eveland, p		'84	28	52	80	5	8	12	20	1	7	10	18			200
" East	'87	W. Homer Kennedy	David Lloyd Jenkins, p		'68	51	88	139	20	29	23	52	3	18	45	66	2	7	90
" Olivet	'89	B. W. Pierce, Sta D.	Frederic A. Field, p		—'80	16	29	45	1	16	6	22	1	10	17	28	1	2	100
" Plymouth	'88	T. Flint Bixby	Chas. A. Valle, p		'82	20	28	48		1	7	8		5	5	10	1		75
" West End	'88	James Travis				14	22	36	1	4	6	10		7	5	12	3	4	40
" Bethlehem	'92	Abel Henning	Francis M. Price, p		'83	13	21	34	3	22	13	35	1			1	9	3	25
Mentone	'92	W. J. Atwood	Geo. Robertson, p		'82	16	17	33	2	11	22	33							50
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Isabelle V. Bent	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, p		'68	12	33	46	17		2	2	1	2		3		2	30
Moreno	'91	Frank E. Leavitt	Stephen G. Emerson, p		'90	22	25	47		11	22	33					2	1	
National City	'81	Albert G. Adams	Edward D. Wenge, p		'84	47	66	113	9	13	8	21	5	17		22	12	1	45
Needles	'92		[Joseph Overton, p]		'82	2	8	10		2	11	13		3		3	1	1	30
Nordhoff	'88	Willis E. Wilsie	John A. Milligan, p		'83	17	31	48	3	8	8	16	2	8	1	11	4	5	50
Oceanside		Geo. J. Eldridge	[J. L. Pearson, Lic]						13	5									18

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City or Town.	Org.	Name.	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Ontario	'85	Rev. Alfred E. Tracy	Alfred E. Tracy, p	'72	'88	36	57	93	11	8	24	32	2	3	.....	5	6	1	60
Pasadena—First	'85	Dea. George A. Green	Dexter D. Hill, p	'69	'86	107	173	280	36	26	35	61	3	10	.....	13	2	3	160
" North	'89	Rev. Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, p	'60	'89	18	32	50	5	5	1	6	1	4	.....	5	4	.....	40
Perris	'87	Miss Sue E. Rees	William N. Burr, p	'88	'92	36	49	85	3	8	20	28	1	13	.....	14	5	8	45
Pico Heights	'87	O. T. Thomas	John M. Schaefle, p	'87	'91	13	17	30	6	4	4	8	1	13	.....	14	.....	3	13
Pomona	'87	Charles M. Stone	Lucien H. Frary, p e	'69	'88	96	146	242	38	16	15	31	3	12	1	16	5	4	198
Poso	'93	Sidney Root	A. K. Johnson, p	'63	'93	5	5	10	.....	2	8	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, p	'45	'87	12	16	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	3	.....	.....	20
Redlands—First	'80	A. S. McPherron				57	96	153	6	5	20	25	1	7	2	10	2	6	100
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Rev. Austin L. Park	Orange H. Spoor, p	'61	'90	24	42	66	3	2	7	9	1	2	.....	3	2	.....	60
Rialto	'90	William D. Humphrey				18	23	41	2	4	8	12	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	64
Riverside	'92	Walter L. Koethen	Theodore C. Hunt, p e	'80	'85	125	179	304	27	21	30	51	6	12	6	24	13	9	154
Rosedale	'92	J. T. Sharpe	Alfred K. Johnson, p	'63	'92	8	4	12	.....	1	11	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
San Bernardino—First	'67	Miss Ada M. Smith				21	76	97	24	8	11	19	.....	10	2	12	5	2	124
" Bethel	'89	Mrs. H. A. Conklin	Oramel William Lucas, p	'83	'92	11	19	30	2	1	14	15	.....	10	1	11	1	.....	75
San Diego—First	'86	M. T. Gilmore	William C. Merrill, p	'84	'90	112	225	337	28	93	46	139	5	15	5	25	42	1	130
" Second	'88	Miss Jennie Robertson	George S. Hall, p	'77	'91	13	31	44	7	9	3	12	.....	4	3	7	2	4	50
San Jacinto	'88	P. L. Griffin	Alex. W. Thompson, p	'80	'92	17	33	50	5	7	2	9	.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	25
San Luis Obispo	'92	Mrs. B. A. Falkenstein	Henry G. Millar, p	'77	'93	12	14	26	.....	14	15	29	.....	3	.....	3	11	.....	30
San Miguel	'86	Benj. F. Moody	Benj. F. Moody, p	'85	'92	7	21	28	17	.....	2	2	.....	9	.....	9	.....	.....	12
Santa Ana	'89	Frederick A. Mack				30	73	103	14	18	10	28	.....	6	.....	6	8	1	50
Santa Barbara	'68					70	133	203	42	31	10	41	3	5	.....	8	13	4	145
Santa Monica	'90	Robert W. Gray	Franklin J. Culver, p	'90	'92	18	27	45	16	3	13	16	.....	2	2	4	.....	.....	60
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. E. F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, p	'64	'90	7	24	31	.....	5	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	50
Sierra Madre	'86	Walter S. Andrews	E. E. P. Abbott	'68	.....	28	44	72	20	1	2	3	2	12	.....	14	1	3	40
South Riverside	'87	Rev. J. Spencer Jewell	J. Spencer Jewell, p	'66	'90	24	36	60	2	9	9	18	1	4	.....	5	5	2	50
Spring Valley, (Helix)	'88	Herbert M. Stiles	Isaac W. Atherton p	'89	'91	12	14	26	1	2	7	9	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	20
Ventura	'68	Solon West [L. A.	Frank N. Merriam, p	'92	'91	42	86	128	15	17	6	23	1	9	9	19	9	.....	60
Vernondale	'85	Wm. F. G. Blaikie (South	George A. Rawson, p	'60	'89	38	55	93	16	5	10	15	.....	8	1	9	1	.....	40
Villa Park	'89	Dea. Henry Snyder	Charles Henry Davis, p	'77	'92	5	6	11	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	30
Westminster	'78	George W. Mack	John W. Phillips, p	'92	'92	10	21	31	6	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	5	.....	.....	30
						1805	2956	4774	648	601	634	1235	53	341	132	526	251	117	3542

Names in brackets not members of any Congregational Association.

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PLACE.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Mem	Average.	Ad.to Ch.	Ben. Cont.	Mem	Foreign.	Educ'n	Ch'h Bldg.	H'me Mis.	A. M. A.	S. S.	New West	M'l Aid	Other	Total.	Leg ac's	Home Exp.
Avalon	Joseph Stamford	25	50		$33 00	11	$12 00	$50 00	$5 00	$20 00		$10 00				$ 97 00		$500 00
Bakersfield	Frank C. Parke	37	25			12			10 00	7 00					$ 3 00	20 00		1225 00
Ballena																		
Bloomington	W. H. H. Easton	60	55	1														
Buena Park	John Tanner		40	2		88				5 00						5 00		238 00
Carlsbad																		
Claremont	Frank P. Brackett	111	70	1	12 00	81	9 00			10 00	12 00					31 00		1500 00
Chula Vista	M. L. Ward, (union sc	45								10 00						10 00		250 00
Compton	John B. Lossing	110	53	1	7 00	20		5 00	9 00	45 00					7 00	66 00		525 00
Dehesa	Henry Hanson	54	42	9	10 00	34	5 00			25 00	2 00					32 00		284 00
De Luz	Henrp M. Daniels	25	18		2 00			2 00		4 00		2 00				8 00		11 00
Eagle Rock, P.O.Verdugo,	John Adams	35	29	1			3 00			25 00						28 00		134 00
Encinitas	John A. Rogers	42	30	1						9 00		10 00				19 00		127 00
Escondido	Dr. N. J. Rice. ...[side	100	70	1	25 00		5 00	10 00		15 00	16 00	2 00				48 00		450 00
Flinn Valley—Lakeside	S. C. Dondore, Lake-	16	16	3														
Halleck																		
Hesperia																		
Highland—P. O. Messina	Samuel H. Barrett	115	90	4	30 00	30	20 00		7 00	33 00	6 00		4 00		30 00	100 00		2062 00
Hyde Park	Frank B. Clark	60	30		12 00	21	5 00			22 00		2 00			5 00	36 00		295 00
Jamul	William D. Ferguson	40	27			17		2 00		10 00	1 00				1 00	14 00		168 00
Long Beach	R. M. Webster	20	18	1				15 00			30 00				170 00	215 00		1400 00
Los Angeles—First	Don A. Judd...[glass st	280	191	65	258 00	130	488 00				895 00	51 00			371 00	1755 00		20345 00
" Park	I. H. Vening, 325 Dou-	134	105	9		35				80 00	7 00	18 00			45 00	150 00		1200 00
" Third	J. D. Tracy, Ann st.	175	105			46												
" East	Lester S. Moore	235	121	18	15 00	45			16 00	64 00	31 00	14 00			60 00	185 00		3431 00
" Olivet	L.Schofield,135 w 35th	105	85	5		13												728 00
" Plymouth	Robert M. Kenny	50	30	1	15 00	27	1 00	10 00	48 00	6 00					5 00	70 00		1200 00
" West End	Wm. H. Cary	75	54	2	57 00	34	10 00	7 00	14 00	64 00						94 00		300 00
" Bethlehem	Mrs. S. J. Price..[lan's	150	100		5 00	24				17 00		4 00				21 00		300 00
Mentone	L. G. Rheinhardt, Red	150	120			30						3 00				3 00		3500 00
Monrovia	Roswell H. Wilson	40	30			15		50 00	2 00							52 00		550 00
Moreno	Leonard F.Hotchkiss	67	48	11		45												650 00
National City	H. T. Risdon	75	55	5		35	23 00		14 00	25 00	13 00	7 00				82 00		1200 00
Needles	J. L. McClelland	40	25															800 00
Nordhoff	Frank P. Barrows,	101	60	5		25				53 00		5 00				58 00		
Oceanside																		

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Ontario	Alfred E. Tracy	100	75	4	25 00	11	76 00	3900 00	22 00	887 00	70 00	15 00			50 00	1520 00		1520 00
Pasadena—First	Arthur L. Hamilton	305	151	15	54 00	75	50 00			218 00	54 00	17 00			96 00	465 00		4480 00
" North	J. H. Woodworth	70	40			20	20 00			20 00						10 00		500 00
Perris	Charles L. Williams	80	47	2	16 00	10	51 00			18 00		16 00				121 00		1639 00
Pico Heights	N. W. Best	80	37		8 00					9 00						9 00		190 00
Pomona	E. P. Shaw	200	112	6	15 00	83	110 00	350 00	50 00	134 00	28 00	15 00			325 00	1502 00		3548 00
Poso																		
Poway	A. P. Rueh	50	33				14 00	10 00		37 00	10 00	10 00	5 00			86 00		197 00
Redlands—First	James S. Edwards	100	92	1	61 00	61	100 00	75 00	140 00	107 00	69 00	10 00	10 00			510 00		2250 00
" Lugonia Terrace	Charles H. Lathrop	120	65	2	17 00	30	29 00		75 00	116 00					10 00	230 00		880 00
Rialto	J. H. Morrow	50	30	2						10 00						10 00		234 00
Riverside	George F. Herrick	249	118	11	25 00	66	144 00					311 00			125 00	582 00	$300	4291 00
Rosedale	Union S. S.					30												700 00
San Bernardino—First	Miss Emily Johnson	75	48	5		15	11 00	4 00	9 00	35 00	18 00				18 00	125 00		1587 00
" Bethel	H. B. Muscott	62	46	1														
San Diego—First	Dr. F. R. Burnham	300	196	18	17 00	250	90 00	100 00	100 00	848 00	30 00				800 00	1977 00		3200 00
" Second	Charles H. Roberts	55	10	1	5 00	15	8 00			32 00	3 00	1 00			10 00	57 00		344 00
San Jacinto	Miss Sarah M. Mead	80	55	6	11 00	25	88 00		50 00	90 00		11 00				242 00		
San Luis Obispo	Alfred D. Tenney	80	35	7		57												155 00
San Miguel	Mrs. E. Mains	10	30		4 00					5 00		4 00				9 00		244 00
Santa Ana	Francis P. Perham	74	64	3	8 00	28				68 00					2 00	70 00		1286 00
Santa Barbara	Charles P. Low	119	75	18	33 00	35	100 00			251 00	12 00	13 00				406 00		2238 00
Santa Monica	James Gray	54	34	2	13 00	32	2 00			54 00		13 00		824		93 00		581 00
Tarboy	George R. Walden	45	35	1	5 00	25		50 00								50 00		2200 00
Sierra Madre	John C. Dickson	61	48		11 00	30	14 00		7 00	6 00		15 00				42 00		782 00
South Riverside	F. H. Robinson	84	58	1	30 00	31	22 00	12 00	8 00	67 00	9 00	12 00			35 00	165 00		1210 00
Spring Valley, Helix	Q. A. Lobingier	40	25	2		30			10 00	5 00						15 00		300 00
Ventura	W. R. H. Weldon	85	70	17	10 00	60	17 00			35 00	6 00				39 00	98 00		1388 00
Vernondale	R. H. Stone	130	84	2		25	10 00	5 00	40 00	50 00						105 00		807 00
Villa Park	Henry Snyder	60	40			25			5 00	22 00						27 00		403 00
Westminster	Hansler Carter	55	37		13 00	40											25	291 00

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Pasadena.

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Los Angeles.

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On Home Missions—Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Chas. E. Harwood, Rev. J. H. Williams.

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On Temperance—Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. F. F. Pearse.

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Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California—Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Dea. H. W. Mills, Rev. S. A. Norton, J. E. Janes, M. D.

Members of Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs. For two years: Chas. E. Harwood, N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Geo. W. Marston, Alfred H. Smiley. For one year: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev D. D. Hill.

Delegates to Other General Meetings—To General Conference M. E. Church South: Rev. J. R. Knodell. To Synod of the Pacific: Rev. D. D. Hill. Delegates to other meetings to be appointed by the Registrar when the time and place of said meetings are ascertained.

NEXT MEETING.

Place and Time—Riverside, second Tuesday in October.
Preacher—Rev. J. H. Williams; Alternate, Rev. S. A. Norton.

REGISTRARS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Los Angeles Association—Rev. A. B. White, Los Angeles.
San Bernardino Association—Rev. W. N. Burr, Perris.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer; and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday of May; or at the call of the Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of Business:

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current season, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Duties of Permanent Committees:

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committees to fulfill in their several departments the work of the Association throughout the year for which they are appointed, collecting and diffusing information, giving impetus and direction to the work and reporting at the annual meeting facts gathered, work done, results realized, also needs unsupplied and plans for future work.

4. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

5. Annual dues:

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the Churches belonging to it, at the rate of five cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the Churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

6. Amendments:

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the confession and platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, he will enable us to transmit them in their purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by all its transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit te our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian Church; that the division of communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ, and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of

apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter are delivered from the power of sin, and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and apostles, and in the life, the miracles, the death; the resurrection of his Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming, now, our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one Catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of his body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world, and "preach the gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth," fulfill the promise which is all our hope. "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

1894.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California met with the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, Tuesday, October 9th, 1894, at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting began with public devotional exercises and sermon by Rev. L. H. Frary. Text: Numbers 9:23. Subject: "God's Leadership of the Church."

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 10TH.

After prayer meeting led by Rev. Thomas Hendry, the Registrar called the meeting to order for business, and read the names of Ministerial Members present, also the delegates from the Churches. The roll was afterward completed as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

E. E. P. Abbott.	A. K. Johnson.
I. W. Atherton.	Harvey Jones.
Cyrus G. Baldwin.	Henry W. Jones.
L. N. Barber.	Jas R. Knodell.
E. R. Brainerd.	J. A. Milligan.
Sherlock Bristol.	Geo. Morris.
J. F. Brown.	E. C. Norton.
Wm. N. Burr.	S. A. Norton.
H. P. Case.	John D. Parker.
Elijah Cash.	F. F. Pearse.
M. S. Crosswell.	M. S. Phillips.
F. J. Culver.	Richard Pratt.
S. G. Emerson.	Geo. A. Rawson.
Alden P. Field.	John A. Rogers.
Fred A. Field.	John M. Schaefle.
Jas. T. Ford.	A. W. Thompson.
L. H. Frary.	Alfred E. Tracy.
Jas. H. Harwood.	Chas. S. Vaile.
Thomas Hendry.	H. M. Voorhees.
Dexter D. Hill.	A. B. White.
Theo. C. Hunt.	Geo. Willett.
D. Lloyd Jenkins.	J. H. Williams.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Avalon.....E. J. Whitney
Mrs. E. O. Tade
Buena Park.....Miss E. T. Cox
Claremont.....Dea. Thos. Barrows
Mrs. E. C. Norton

Compton.....Mrs. M. R. Williams
Mrs. A. L. Brown
Eagle Rock.....W. J. Seamans
Mrs. W. J. Seamans
Escondido.....E. D. Hartshorn
Mrs. E. D. Hartshorn
Highlands.....Mrs. M. S. Phillips
L. I. Coy
Hyde Park.....F. B. Clark
Mrs. Geo. Myers
Jamul.....D. C Maxfield
Miss S. H. Curtis
Long Beach.....Geo. Gillett
Mrs. Jotham Bixby
Los Angeles, First.....Dea. A. B. Clapp
Rev. Edward Hildreth
" " Park.....Dea. W. F. Wheeler
" " Third.....Dea. T. Elledge
Dea. I. B. Collins
" " East.....Dea. W. Tinker
C. C. Pierce
" " Plymouth.....W. P. Burke, M. D.
Mrs. J. W. Parker
" " Olivet.....L. H. Clendenon
Mrs. J. N. Hixon
" " Bethlehem.....C. E. Tanner
Mrs. S. C. Todd
" " West End.....James Travis
W. N. Johnson
Monrovia.....Geo. H. Hutchins
Moreno.....F. Wells
Ontario.....P. L. Thayer
W. S. Palmer
Pasadena, First.....J. E. Janes, M. D.
Dea. W. T. Clapp
" North.....H. K. W. Bent
Dr. H. M. Fields
Perris.....Mrs. W. N. Burr
Dea. Henry Sypherd
Pico Heights.....Mrs. S. Olmstead
Mrs. G. Lynn
Pomona.....Dea. L. T. Bishop
Chas. P. Nichols
Redlands, First.....N. Ritchie
Dr. E. Bedford
Rialto.....Mrs. E. R. Brainerd
Riverside.....Mrs. J. H. Reed
S. T. Hall
San Bernardino, First.....Dea. D. N. Bradford
Mrs. C. H. Davis
San Diego, First.....Rev. J. D. Parker
Mrs. Margaret Peake
San Jacinto.....Dea. D. Herod
Mrs. J. I. Hudson

Santa Ana.....Rev. E. T. Fleming
Miss Julia Stebbins
Santa Barbara.....C. S. Kittredge, M. D.
Mrs. C. S. Kittredge
Santa Monica.....Dea. James Gray
Mrs. Austin
Saticoy.....Rev. S. Bristol
Mrs. H. B. Leavitt
Sierra Madre.....Dea. Geo. Humphreys
J. H. Pool
South Riverside.....W. J. McVicar
John L. Taylor
Ventura.....J. H. Mercer
Miss Gertrude S. Allyn
Vernondale.....Dea. James Gillespie
Dea. I. V. Draper
Villa Park.....Henry Snyder
Mrs. M. B. Lathrop
Westminster.....Mrs. D. C. Starkey
Whittier.....A. C. Clarke
H. F. Griffin

Rev. S. A. Norton was chosen Moderator; Dea. H. K. W. Bent, Assistant Moderator; Rev. F. A. Field, Scribe; and Rev. A. E. Tracy, Assistant Scribe.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Nominations: Rev. A. B. White, Henry Snyder and Rev. W. N. Burr.

On Business: Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. J. H. Harwood and J. E. Janes, M. D.

On Resolutions: Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. Geo. Morris and Dea. H. K. W. Bent.

The following named persons were invited to sit with the Association as Honorary Members:

Rev. S. R. Dennen, D. D.
Rev. John Kimball.
Rev. Walter Frear.
Rev. J. Trotter Carr.
Rev. A. B. Case.
Rev. John Thompson.
Rev. E. O. Tade.
Rev. D. C. Starkey.
Rev. Joseph Overton.
Rev. Geo. H. DeKay.
Rev. O. V. Rice.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported through its chairman, Rev. C. S. Vaile, that earnest effort had been made to hold Sabbath School institutes in our several churches, but with little success on account of the seeming indifference of pastors and superintendents; that a provisional program had been sent to each of these with a letter urging action on their part, to which but few

replies had been received. The committee therefore recommended

1st. That Supt. H. P. Case, as being best informed and best fitted to direct any general work, be chosen as the permanent chairman of the Sunday School committee.

2d. That the remaining members of this committee be chosen from the Sunday School Committees of the District Associations.

3d. That this Committee gather and present such statistics, facts and suggestions in regard to our Sunday School work, once a year, and outline and push such general denominational work as they believe will be helpful to our churches.

4th. That our pastors, the superintendents of our Sabbath Schools and our churches respond promptly and heartily, and co-operate faithfully in any overtures of this committee looking toward the greater efficiency of our Sabbath Schools.

5th. That our churches utilize to the uttermost the "Home Department of our Sabbath School work.

6th. That our Sunday School workers show more interest in the work of the various District Sabbath School Unions.

Rev. C. S. Vaile also read a paper entitled, "The Child in the Midst." Rev. W. N. Burr read a paper on "The Present Sunday School Lessons on the Life of Christ; Their Importance, and the Best Methods of Studying Them."

Supt. H. P. Case made his annual report of work under the direction of the C. S. S. and P. S. [See appendix A.]

Greetings from other ecclesiastical bodies were presented by Rev. Burt Estes Howard of the Presbyterian Synod of the Pacific, and by Rev. J. M. Campbell of the Southern California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John Thompson, D. D., agent of the American Bible Society spoke in behalf of its work. It was

RESOLVED, That this Association heartily recommend the work of the American Bible Society and suggests that whenever possible an annual contribution be made by our churches for the prosecution of its work.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Committee on Temperance made report through its chairman, Rev. A. E. Tracy.

The report urged that more definite instructions be given the Committee by the Association, that hereafter this Committee do more thorough work than it has done in the past, or that the appointment of it cease to be made. The report also details answers from the churches to the inquiry "What has your church done

the last year in temperance work?" as follows:

"Sermons on Temperance," Sunday School instruction," Junior C. E. work, Co-operation on the part of individual members with other organizations in their lines of work," in San Bernardino—"Union Gospel Temperance meetings," in Orange county—"Union endeavor to secure local option by popular petition."

It also gives answer to the inquiry, "What do you suggest as desirable for our churches to undertake?" such as

"More agitation; organize denominational and inter-denominational co-operation against the saloon; it should be known that the churches can be counted on to mass their votes in support of temperance men irrespective of party politics."

The report closed with recommendations as to future action which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions, after deliberation, reported at a later hour of the meeting the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Realizing the fearful ravages of intemperance, and the terrible curse of the saloon,

RESOLVED, 1. That we as an Association, express our conviction that every christian voter should refuse to support any man for public office who manufactures for sale, or who sells intoxicating liquors.

2. That we most earnestly recommend the organization of a Christian Alliance looking to the suppression of the saloon.

3. That we appoint a special committee of three to confer and co-operate with committees of other christian denominations to secure the accomplishment of this object.

Mrs. G. Stickney, State Corresponding Secretary of the W. C. T. U., read a paper concerning the origin and work of that Association and asked for it the encouragement and co-operation of the churches.

Mrs. Sarah McClees, National Superintendent of the W. C. T. U. department of Soldiers and Sailors work, presented a resolution concerning the sale of beer at the Soldier's Home in Santa Monica, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and afterward on their recommendation was adopted.

WHEREAS, There exists in the "National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers," located at Santa Monica, a beer saloon sanctioned and supported by the government of the United States for the use of our Veteran Soldiers and Sailors, and

WHEREAS, We believe this institution to be a source of vice and degradation, demoralizing the men who patronize it, and a shame to the community that permits it, and a chief obstacle to the spread of the gospel, and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all loyal Americans to take such an interest in the veteran patriots in our midst as will tend to promote their moral and spiritual condition, considering it a small return for the benefits they conferred upon us in aiding to perpetuate the Union of States and abolish the system of slavery, and

WHEREAS, It is well known that these men who should be self-respecting and respected by their countrymen, are a menace to the peace and prosperity of Santa Monica by their drinking habits at the bars of saloons in that beautiful city by the sea, showing that the beer sold to them at the "Home" only increases the appetite for stronger beverages; therefore

RESOLVED, That we, representatives of Christ and his blessed evangel of peace and purity, seeking to serve ALL MEN, will continue our efforts to abolish the beer saloon in this government institution; that we will seek to inform the people and awaken public sentiment by our pulpit and platform utterances, giving no uncertain sound regarding this iniquity.

Rev. J. R. Knodell addressed the Association on the topic, "How to Promote the Fellowship of Churches."

Rev. E. T. Fleming then presented the needs of the Santa Ana church as furnishing an opportunity for the practical illustration of church fellowship; and $69.00 were pledged by individuals and churches to complete payment for the new church building at that place.

Rev. F. B. Pullan of San Francisco, presented the greetings of the General Association of California.

A summary of the reports from the churches was given by Rev. D. D. Hill. [See Appendix, B.]

Then followed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. W. N. Burr and Rev. A. W. Thompson officiating.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Home Missionary Anniversary was opened by a service of prayer and praise led by the Moderator and Pres. C. E. Baldwin.

Home Mission Superintendent Rev. J. T. Ford made his annual report. [See Appendix, C.]

Reports from the field were made by Rev. Joseph Overton of Needles, Rev. L. N. Barber af Hesperia, and Rev. J. A. Rogers of Alpine.

Concluding address by Rev. D. D. Hill, chairman of Home Mission Committee.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 11TH.

Opening prayer meeting of one hour was led by Rev. E. T. Fleming.

The Committee on Nominations reported, and the report was

adopted, as follows:

For Committee on Home Missions: Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. J. W. Williams, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Dea. H. K. W. Bent, Dea. Chas. E. Harwood.

On Sunday Schools: Rev. H. P. Case, Rev. W. N. Burr, Rev. C. S. Vaile.

On Education: Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Dea. Thos. Barrows, Hon. Franklin Blades.

On Temperance: Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. F. F. Pearse.

On Inter-Denominational Comity: Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. Thos. Hendry, Rev. J. Fletcher Brown.

On Publication: Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. J. B. Irving, Jr.

On arrangements for next meeting: Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. A. B. White, Rev. W. N. Burr.

Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California: Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. S. A. Norton, Deacon H. W. Mills, J. E. Janes, M. D.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance: For three years, Rev. J. H. Harwood, Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs; for two years, Hon. Chas. E. Harwood, Deacon N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Geo. W. Marston, Alfred H. Smiley; for one year, Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill.

Delegates to other General Meetings: To Annual Conference M. E. Church South, Rev. J. R. Knodell; to Synod of Pacific, Rev. D. D. Hill.

Delegates to other meetings to be appointed by the Registrar when the time and place of such meetings are ascertained.

Preacher for the next meeting, Rev. J. H. Williams; alternate, Rev. S. A. Norton.

The treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

The General Congregational Association of Southern California in account with Jas. T. Ford, treasurer:

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Nov. 8	By balance in treasury, including $39.65 held in trust for ministerial relief	$	86 10
	By dues from Dehesa, $2; Poway, $2; Oceanside, $.91; Encinitas, $1; San Miguel, $1.95; Buena Park, $2.59; Claremont, $3.59; Compton, $3.92; Escondido, $3.65; Flinn Valley, $.98; Highlands, $6.44; Hyde Park, $.63; Los Angeles, 1st, $38.15; Los Angeles, Park, $8.82; Los Angeles, 3rd, $ 5.60; Los Angeles, West End, $2.52; Mentone, $2.31;		

	Moreno, $3.29; Pasadena, First, $19.60; Pasadena, North, $3.50; Perris, $5.95; Pico Heights, $2.10; Pomona, $16.94; San Bernardino, Bethel, $2.10; San Diego, First, $23.59; San Jacinto, $3.50; Santa Ana, $7.21; Santa Barbara, $14.21; Santa Monica, $3.15; Villa Park, $.77; Westminster, $2.17; DeLuz, $.64; Nordhoff, $3.36; Redlands, First, $10.71; Ventura, $8.95; Hesperia, $.50; Needles, $.70; San Diego, Second, $3.08; Chula Vista, $2.31; San Luis Obispo, $1.82; East Los Angeles, $9.73; Bethlehem, L. A., $2.38	239 47
Nov. 9	By collection held in trust for Minister's Relief Society	53 65
Dec. 15	By dues from Jamul, $1.19; Spring Valley, $1.82,	3 01
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Jan. 3	By dues from Vernondale	6 51
	By dues from San Bernardino	6 79
Mar. 10	By dues from Bakersfield	1 90
	Amount,	$397 43

1893.	DR.	
Dec. 1	To programs and postage for same	$ 8 55
Dec. 29	To cards printed to hasten statistics	2 00
1894.		
Jan. 6	To payment of money held in trust to Minister's Relief Society	93 30
	To expense of sending out minutes	12 50
Feb. 23	To cost of printing minutes, paid Geo. Rice & Sons	110 00
July 5	To expense of collecting statistics, paid D. H. Colcord	3 00
Sept. 28	To expense for card circulars	3 00
Oct. 8	To payment of dues for 1894 to Nationall Council,	68 55
Oct. 9	To expense of programs for Association	9 00
Oct. 10	To balance transferred to credit new account	89 16
		$397 43

Rev. J. H. Williams read a paper on "Problems of church work among the young," which was requested for publication in The Pacific.

Rev. John Kimball spoke, upon invitation, in behalf of The Pacific.

He was followed by Rev. C. S. Vaile, Pres. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. John Thompson and others with words approving the paper and urging an increase of its circulation.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the circulation of our Pacific coast paper, The Pacific, is a matter of great importance to fellowship and aggressive work, and we earnestly urge every pastor to secure a thorough canvass of his church for subscribers, and we recommend that the publishers of the paper make a uniform price of $2 for

renewals and $1.50 for new subscribers, withdrawing all special rates for Southern California, and we hereby pledge ourselves to support them loyally in the attempt to establish a great paper for the Pacific coast.

The Association then adjourned to give place to the annual meeting of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After the opening devotional service, papers were read on the topic, "The efficient church;" "What is it?" by Rev. H. M. Voorhees; "How to get it," by Rev. A. B. White.

The Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific, addressed the Association through Rev. Walter Frear, General Agent of the A. B. C. F. M. for the Pacific coast.

On invitation Rev. A. B. Case, returned missionary from Mexico, spoke on the work in that country.

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. C. S. Vaile, were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this association urgently recommends that our churches send to the treasurer of the A. B. C. F. M. prior to Thanksgiving Day a special offering at the rate of twenty-five cents per member towards the extinction of the indebtedness of the Board.

That to every pastor be sent word of this action by the Association.

That greetings be telegraphed to the A. B. C. F. M., now in session, embodying this recommendation.

The subject of Christian Education was presented by Prof. Albert G. Cook of Pomona College.

The Trustees by H. K. W. Bent, President of the Board, made a statement of the condition and needs of the College.

Rev. C. B. Sumner followed in a plea for the college as a part of Christ's body committed to the care of the churches.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. S. A. Norton, was passed by a rising vote of the Association:

RESOLVED, That we express anew our deep love for Pomona College and our satisfaction with its marked progress in scholarly lines, and we re-affirm our sense of responsibility for its support as the body which brought it into being:

That we recommend to the college an earnest effort to secure at least $10,000 in current gifts from individual Congregationalists in Southern California, urging that a thorough canvass for this amount be made, pledges being received on condition that the current expenses of the year ending July 1, 1895, shall be fully met, and no indebtedness shall be incurred.

That we further recommend the setting apart of the second Sunday of November as "College Day," and urge all the pastors

to speak that day upon christian education with special view, not of taking a collection, but of giving information about Pomona College, and creating a deep interest in it such as shall turn the students of our parishes that way, and shall prepare the way for the canvass for funds contemplated in this resolution.

Mrs. Anna S. Averill read resolutions concerning the Fresno church and the Armenians adopted by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary organizations at their recent annual meeting at Ventura. In furtherance of these resolutions the association unanimously adopted the following:

In view of the recent allegations concerning the action of the Congregational churches in Fresno toward its Armenian members, a part of which were reviewed by the council lately held there,

RESOLVED, That we deem it our duty, without pronouncing upon the truthfulness of these allegations except as they are set forth in the result of the council, to declare our adherence to the historic position of the Congregational churches that all our members have a just claim to equal rights and privileges in Christ Jesus. We make our own the language of a report made in the National Council of 1889, that "the Congregational churches of the United States must give no just ground for the charge of forgetting their unswerving allegiance to the doctrine that God hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth; that every christian without regard to race, color or language is the peer of every other christian in the rights which appertain to membership in the church of Christ."

The following resolution, presented by Rev. T. C. Hunt, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the General Association of Southern California in convention assembled, hereby express our sense of loss at the removal of Dr. R. G. Hutchins from among us. We feel that the cause of our churches and of christian education here have lost an invaluable friend and an untiring helper. We implore the Divine blessing upon him in his new work, and trust that his services in his present field may be as efficient as they have been with us.

RESOLVED, That the scribe be instructed to convey these resolutions to Dr. Hutchins in his new home, and furnish them for publication in The Pacific.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the General Association of Southern California commends the work and method employed by the California Children's Home Society in finding good homes in christian families for homeless and neglected children, where they are educated and watched over until they attain their majority.

WHEREAS, There has been established at South Santa Monica a christian seaside resort free from Sabbath desecration and other unchristian features, whose object is to promote free picnic privileges for christian organizations, and opportunities for seaside conventions and summer schools:

RESOLVED, That we hereby commend the plan of the company and endorse its effort.

RESOLVED, That we request the Congregational churches of Southern California to take up a contribution for the Ministers' Relief Society on or near the first Sabbath of each year, and thus make themselves and their pastors members of this society.

It is hereby expressed as the sense of this Association that home missions are so important as to demand the place they have ever been accorded in the meetings of this body, but that since the Congregational Church Building Society is doing a part of our home mission work, therefore,

RESOLVED, That future committees on program are hereby instructed to provide for a statement of its work and needs on the home missionary evening.

WHEREAS, It is time for wise economy, and whereas many of the papers and addresses usually published in the minutes of our association would be more widely read if published in The Pacific, and could be easily preserved by those who wish them for reference, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we instruct our Committee on Publication to embrace in our published minutes only the usual church statistics and such other matter as is required to show the status and vital action of this body.

RESOLVED, That Section 4 of the By-Laws be changed so as to read, "At the rate of five cents per member."

The following Article was by vote of the Association added to its By-Laws:

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committees to fulfill in their several departments the work of this association throughout the year for which they are appointed, collecting and diffusing information, giving impetus and direction to the work, and reporting at the annual meeting facts gathered, work done, results realized, also needs unsupplied and plans for future work.

Mr. S. T. Hall, delegate from Riverside, invited the General Association to hold its next annual meeting at that place. It was voted to accept the invitation.

A Committee on Foreign Missions was appointed consisting of Rev. L. H. Frary, Mrs. J. H. Williams and Rev. H. M. Voorhees. Also a special committee, to confer and co-operate with committees of other denominations for the organization of a Christian Alliance looking to the suppression of the saloon system, consisting of Rev. Geo. Morris, Rev. J. H. Harwood, Rev. F. J. Culver.

The minutes of this annual meeting were approved.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After a service of prayer and praise, addresses were delivered on "Applied Christianity," as follows:—"The Menace of Congested Wealth," Rev. J. Fletcher Brown; "Private Property a So-

cial Trust," Rev. T. C. Hunt; "What Christianity has to do with Business Problems," Rev. S. A. Norton.

After resolutions of hearty thanks to the First Church of Los Angeles, and to other churches of the city assisting in the entertainment of its members, the association adjourned.

F. A. FIELD, SCRIBE.

J. T. FORD, REGISTRAR.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF REV. H. P. CASE, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

During the past year the Missionary Sunday School work of our denomination has felt the hard times in company with all our benevolent operations. Despite the lack of funds and with fewer missionaries the results of work are larger than in any former year. Five hundred and forty new schools have been organized by less than forty missionaries, mostly in places where no other religious services existed. During the twelve years since the first missionary began laboring, over 5,000 schools have been organized, into which were gathered over 200,000 scholars and from which have grown over 500 Congregational churches.

In our Publication Department the sale of our Lesson Helps—the Pilgrim Series—S. S. papers and books, besides general theological books has steadily increased. It aids in the publication of religious papers in seven languages and last year turned into the Missionary Department $5,000. All patronage of our own society's publications not only secures the best goods but is an indirect but important contribution to our S. S. missionary work. Bookstores with complete stock in every line are at Boston and Chicago. S. S. papers and Lesson Helps can be had on same terms at American Tract Society, 735 Market St., San Francisco.

A brief summary of our work in Southern California:

During the eleven months since last report Superintendent Case has been constantly at work—and found need of work along three lines:

First, Organizing New Schools:—These are mostly in country districts where are no religious services and none accessible. It is found that people will not go the distance to religious services here in California as in some other states. Hence the gospel must be carried to them.

Second, The Reviving and Reorganizing of Schools:—Probably one-third of our time has been required in this work. It is made necessary by the custom of many country schools closing for a summer vacation—three months of hot weather, many patrons

away to the mountains or the beach, workers away, and other excuses. The vacation usually causes indifference, and if a change has occurred in the workers the school often fails to start up in October, hence the need of a visit from the missionary, who often finds it as hard to revive as to organize the school the first time.

Third, Visitation of Schools for Presentation of Our Missionary Work or for Institute Work:—There has been very little desire for S. S. Institute work. The need of it is not felt among Congregational schools in California. Other denominations are making much of this agency for training workers and arousing larger interest in the S. S. work. We are the losers by our neglect of this means. It has been a pleasure to present our society's work to the schools by the usual courtesy of the superintendents. The Children's Day contributions to our work were thereby, perhaps, somewhat increased. In very few pulpits have we been invited to do the same, the seeming result being that less than a half dozen of our churches reported a collection to our society which is supposed to be on every church's benevolent list along with the other six societies.

Fourth, Another line of work has been the giving away of "other people's money," in other words making gifts or "grants" of S. S. literature to both new and old schools. We are glad to be allowed to do this. During the past eleven months we have made grants to over 50 schools of from one to fifteen dollars' worth, aggregating $213.40. This is almost one-half of the total amonnt contributed on the field to our society's work, leaving not enough to pay the travelling expenses of your missionary. Ought not this matter to be more thoroughly cared for by the churches? Not quite one-half of the average of fifteen cents per S. S. member was contributed as recommended by resolution last year. In other states the Woman's Home Missionary Unions and the Endeavor Societies place our society on their benevolent lists, and why not? Are not the 10,000 neglected children in Southern California as well worth saving as those in Mexico, Micronesia or Japan? We are glad to mention the contributions from twelve Endeavor Societies, given through us to help sustain the Mexican S. S. in Pomona. Good was accomplished, some souls were led to receive the simple gospel and taught to search the Scriptures for their own guidance.

CONDENSED STATISTICAL TABLES.

New schools	15
Enrolled in same	470
Schools visited	57

Sermons and addresses	193
Miles travelled	6,495
Separate grants of literature	75
Value of same	$213 40
Bibles given away	100
Conventions, institues and associations attended	12
Children's Day observed by schools	60
Schools reporting contributions	54
Total Children's Day offering	$357 83
Contributions received from other sources.	$111 36
Total in eleven months	$469 19

B.

Summary of Reports from the Churches—By Rev. D. D. Hill.

Whenever a thoughtful Christian turns to the contemplation of the state of true religion in the world or in any part of it, he becomes the subject of conflicting feelings. Light and shadow, sunshine and shower, follow each other in quick succession. The springtime prepares the way for the rich harvest. "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul," said the Psalmist. It becomes us to recount in brief outline the story of what Christ has done for us the past year.

Public worship has been sustained in our churches. Prayer-meetings have been well attended. Many churches use the topics published in the Hand Book, issued by the Advance or the Congregationalist, efficient pastors carefully assigning in advance sub-topics to particular members of the church. Thus the service becomes inspiring and uplifting.

Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work prospers. In a few cases the Christian Endeavor Society conducts the Sabbath-evening service, releasing the pastor for work at some out-station. At San Diego First church the last song of the Christian Endeavor meeting is the opening exercise of the evening service. In too many churches the young people desert the evening preaching service. This plan unites their meeting to the preaching service. Mentone reports that its "Y. P. S. C. E. has been hands and feet and eyes to the pastor."

The missionary spirit is on the increase in nearly all our

churches. A marked growth in this direction is reported from Claremont. At Ontario the Y. P. S. C. E. conducts monthly missionary meetings, Sabbath evening, to the profit of all. Hyde Park stands first among the churches for its benevolence, in proportion to its membership. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

The saw, the hammer and the paint brush have been busy building, enlarging and repairing houses of worship. Pico Heights has moved its church to the front of its lot and has the money subscribed to build a nice lecture-room. San Bernardino First church has greatly enlarged and improved its edifice. Redlands First church has erected a considerable addition to its edifice, increasing the seating capacity sixty per cent. The interior has been entirely renovated, lighted by electricity, frescoed, carpeted and made attractive. Mentone has improved its building, and Santa Ana has taken down and moved the unused Congregational church at Carlsbad, enlarging and adding to it so as to make it practically a new and beautiful church. Chula Vista dedicates its new and beautiful house.

We have not forgotten the unfortunate and neglected classes about us. Bethlehem sustains a Spanish prayer-meeting, a reading-room, amusement-room, boys' club, girls' club and a mothers' meeting. Boys' Brigades are organized in this church and in Los Angeles First, East Los Angeles and Ventura.

Santa Barbara and San Diego First do much and efficient work through their Chinese missions. Claremont does some special work for the Indians, interested in it chiefly by Mr. David Barrows. Redlands also continues interested for the Indians.

Pasadena First has enlarged its Chinese mission and now has a nice property devoted to this work. Christian Chinamen in this mission have sent over $20 this year to Hong Kong to support one of their brethren as a missionary in their own land.

A number of our churches have been blessed with revivals. At Compton the meeting was a union work. Los Angeles Third received thirty on confession. San Bernardino First received twenty on confession, mostly young men. Bethlehem, Los Angeles, received twenty-two on confession. Bloomington has had two gracious seasons, three uniting on confession. Pasadena First held a series of meetings, eleven uniting on confession and twenty-three by letter. The special interest began in a sunrise prayer-meeting on New Year's morning. Riverside has received fifty additions, half of them on confession. Pomona continued the week of prayer services, and sixteen were added on confession. This year has been, all things considered, the best in the history of this church. Redlands has received some at every communion season,

fifteen uniting on confession and twenty-five by letter. Etiwanda reports a revival now in progress. "O Lord, revive thy work."

C.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION SUPERINTENDENT, REV. J. T. FORD.

The year which passes under review will be remembered as a year of unprecedented hardship in our mission field. Last year there was apportioned to us, in addition to receipts expected from our churches, the sum of $9,700. This was barely enough to sustain the work already begun. Moved by what seemed to us imperative needs, we asked an increase for the current year of $3,000. The answer was, No increase possible. We are compelled to reduce your apportionment $2,168.

Then came the heart-rending task of making a corresponding reduction in appropriations to individual missionaries, many of whom were already driven to narrow economy by inadequate support—a task all the more bitter because of the conviction that in many cases this reduction would be attended by a greater reduction in receipts from their churches.

We have endeavored to ascertain by inquiry the actual reduction of income this year among our home missionaries. We have received answers from twenty missionaries ministering to twenty-five churches. Only three of these churches are reported as expecting to make up to the missionary the reduction in his grant from New York. Eleven pledge less for support than last year, and their deficit in pledges is, on the average, greater, two to one, than the deficit in the missionary grants. Not only are pledges less, but thus far in the year payments fall lamentably short of pledges. Ten churches are in arrears at the rate of $1,374 for the year—about $137 per church. Judging from the past, not more than one-half of these accumulating arrears are likely to be made up, except as the missionary contributes the balance necessary to close the account of the year.

The hindrances to success in our mission work from meager financial support no one can estimate. Three of our missionaries, and at least four pastors of churches called self-supporting, receive for their services less than $500 per year. To avoid debt some of these "buy no books whatever, and stop needed papers." Two have endeavored to eke out a support by turning in part to secular employment. Several from lack of money cannot attend this meeting. One is thankful that the old store of clothing has been

sufficient for his family, so that he has needed to purchase none for these two years past. There come no words of complaint. The tone of the reports is almost universally cheerful. One continues to give the tenth of his income, notwithstanding it is reduced below the hardship line. But hardship is not confined to the missionaries. They report hardships of the people rather than their own. They tell of drought, no crops, lack of work, lands mortgaged, losses from foreclosures and failures, men saying, "We never knew what hard times meant before." One pastor called at a schoolhouse at the noon hour and found the children eating their lunch. All but two had bread only—no butter, fruit, or meat. Another pastor tells of a man—a liberal giver—beggared by losses, who said to him with tears, "I never thought I should be as I am now. It has been my joy to help on the Lord's work, but I cannot fulfill my promise to the church." Several churches under such burdens have seriously asked, "Is it not better to disband." Out of these hardships does not the Word of the Lord come to both pastor and people, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," and especially to the churches that are strong, bidding them to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please themselves.

Nevertheless the year has been one of real progress though in the face of many hindrances. Five new churches have been organized—Alpine, Daggett, Lemon Grove, Paso Robles and Whittier. All these are connected with mission fields already existing, so that their organization called for no increase in the number of our missionaries. Three churches—Chula Vista, Dehesa and Santa Ana—have built new houses of worship; two—Pico Heights and San Bernardino First—have enlarged and greatly improved those already built; two—Bloomington and Avalon—have added parsonages to their possessions—one newly built, the other received by gift. Several churches aided during the year report unusual growth—notably, Bakersfield, Bloomington, Escondido, San Bernardino First, and Los Angeles Third and Bethlehem. The whole number added to our 37 aided churches during the year has been 583—more than 15 per church. The net gain has been 346 members, about nine per church, of which, 241—about 6½ per church—were added on confession of faith. Of late the minds of our missionaries are turning with new interest to harvest work. The question is more often asked, Where can we obtain helpers for special services? As we close the year, the skies, if we mistake not, are brightening with signs of the coming of the Lord.

We turn now to the future. What waits to be done?

The inquiry for help in special services indicates that WE NEED A HOME MISSIONARY EVANGELIST. For the last three years we have left the work of ingathering to pastors alone, or to pastors with their churches, or to pastors giving harvest help to each other, or to pastors securing help from wandering, self-elected evangelists. But we have found that every pastor does not prove to be his own successful evangelist, that a neighboring pastor's help may not be desirable, or cannot justly be given, and that the wandering evangelist is not always a messenger from heaven. The employment of evangelists endorsed and commissioned by the Home Missionary Society is believed, in those states where it has been most thoroughly tested, "to be one on which God has set his seal of approval." In the year 1890 an evangelist was thus employed among us. Not all the churches were satisfied with his work. Nevertheless, that was the year of most numerous accessions to our mission churches on confession of faith—the only year in our history in which more were received on confession than by letter.

WE NEED MORE ITINERANT PREACHERS for our extensive, sparsely-settled territory. As nearly as we can estimate from the census of 1890, which is reported by townships and precincts, more than one-sixth of the population of Southern California—about 40,000—live remote from cities and towns and houses of worship. In San Diego county, more than one-fourth, and in San Luis Obispo county, more than one-third are thus out of the reach of ordinary gospel ministrations. The most practicable method of evangelizing these scattered populations is by the employment of the itinerant missionary. We have tried to do something to supply this need. Other denominations have done something; but probably not one-third of the 40,000 have the gospel brought nigh to them by these efforts. Yet from regions like these, if they are evangelized, will come, in largest measure, the preachers of the next generation.

THERE IS NEED OF WORK AMONG MEN OF OTHER RACES AND TONGUES. According to the last census, more than one-fourth of the population of this city—nearly one-fourth of the population of this county—are foreign born. Only a few of the Spanish-speaking people are counted in this number, for, with a few exceptions, they are native-born. Add these to the foreign-born, and we have in this city 15,000; in the county, 28,000 of other lands and tongues. Estimating conservatively from the Great Register, there are in this city of foreign-speaking people—Germans, 5,000; Spanish, 2,500; French, 1,500; Italians, 800; Scandinavians, 1,000; Slavs, 500; besides uncounted Chinese and many from other na-

tionalities. We have done no gospel work among these, except for the Chinamen. Germans and Scandinavians have Protestant worship of their own. Our Presbyterian brethren work among the Spanish; but the French, the Italians and the Slavs are left to the priest and the atheist. The auspicious time to begin work among these strangers is in the small beginnings of their immigration, when they long for the kind word and the friendly act, before their fears have hardened into prejudices, and their prejudices have become heaped up into impassable barriers between them and us.

Shall we go forward now to supply these needs?

But we are confronted with the fact that our missionaries already in the field are reduced to short rations. The foreign-speaking missionary must wait, the itinerant preacher must wait, the evangelist must wait till our present force is properly sustained. We are not to attribute the reduction of our means solely to a failure in collections in other parts of our country. We ourselves are responsible for our full share of the deficit. Our collections fell last year from an average rate of $1.25 to less than $1 per resident member. The amount for 1893 was $4,335.95; for 1894, $3,597.36. The number of churches contributing at the standard rate of $2 per resident member, fell from thirteen to four. Our Secretaries at New York tell us that our apportionment will be restored as soon as the gifts of the churches will warrant it. What, then, lies first before us to be done? Make a special contribution in all our churches without delay, to hasten this restoration; and, later, our annual collection in February—the first, to redeem our deficit, the second, to push forward our work.

But how, even thus, shall we push out into the new work already indicated?

Must we yoke churches to reduce present expenditures, and so release money for the waiting work? But we already have two missionaries, each in charge of six stations, one in charge of five stations, one in charge of three stations, and twelve in charge each of two stations. We fear we have already exceeded the limit of a wise economy in yoking churches. Often to give a church half a pastor is to invite another denomination to occupy half the time, or, without this result, to defer indefinitely the period of self-support.

Must we cut off such churches as may not be expected soon to assume self-support? But our Society would not be worthy to be called a missionary society unless its chief missionary were to carry the gospel to the poor. And the more permanently needy a field is likely to be, the louder the call for our work. The important

field is the field of greatest need. The infant church, with rich prospects, becomes important, as it may be expected to furnish means to supply the needs of the more destitute. Not unprofitable yoking, not the withdrawal of the gospel from the poor, but more abundant and cheerful giving, is the solution of our difficulties. Let our churches give twice as many dollars yearly as there are resident members, and we shall have a commissioned evangelist, if needed, more itinerant missionaries also in remote places, and the call for work among strangers of other tongues will not pass unheeded. This is the easy way to remove our burdens—lift them at the average cost of less than four cents per week per member, and thank God that He gives us the privilege of doing so.

D.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Rev. Charles A. Kingsbury died in Redlands, California, Nov. 23, 1893, at the age of 54 years. He was a graduate of Williams College and of Union Theological Seminary. His pastorates were at Marion, Mass., and at West Winfield, N. Y. One who knew him well in the days of his active ministry says of him, "His preaching was eminently biblical and evangelical. When prevented from preaching by ill health, as he often was, he worked in the Sunday school. He could never do too much for the cause he loved."

Coming to Redlands in 1889, in search of health, Mr. Kingsbury became an active member of the First Congregational Church, in which he served as deacon and as teacher of a large bible class in the Sunday school. While the church was without a pastor he was the strong leader upon whose advice and assistance the church relied in all its perplexities.

Mr. Kingsbury was a valuable citizen, at the head and front in every good cause. In the offices of city trustee and member of the school board he did much to further the material interests of the city and to advance the cause of education and of temperance and morality in the community. He carried his religion into the common things of every day; and his stainless life and his triumphant death alike testify to the closeness of his walk with God.

During his last illness the whole community seemed to bear him on their hearts, and no man could have died in Redlands who would have been more generally missed and mourned. The large attendance at his funeral and the closed offices and stores that busy

Saturday morning bore witness to the warm place which Mr. Kingsbury held in the hearts of his fellowmen. At the memorial service, held in the church on the following Sunday, tributes to his memory were rendered by men who had been closely associated with him in the church and in public affairs, and who had felt the influence of his strong, faithful spirit and of his quiet, upright life.

"So calm, so constant, was his rectitude
That by his loss alone we know its worth,
And feel how true a man has walked with us on earth."

E.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

1. The name of the organization is: "The Congregational Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California."

2. The object of this society is to aid needy Congregational ministers, and also the families of deceased ministers not otherwise provided for. The society shall also endeavor to secure gifts of land and money for the above object, and also gifts of land and money for the establishment and maintenance of a Ministers' Home.

3. The contribution of one dollar annually shall constitute any member of a Congregational Church a member of this society. An annual contribution from any church shall entitle such church to membership. Twenty dollars contributed at one time shall constitute a life membership.

4. The business of the society shall be transacted by, and all its property held by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, such Directors to be elected by and from the members of the society upon nomination by the General Association of Southern California.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held each year on the last day of the meeting of the General Association.

The Directors shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

5. The Directors shall keep a full record of their proceedings, and shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of the society.

6. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, due notice of the proposed change having been given at least one month previously.

7. Such By-Laws may be adopted by the society or by the Directors as may be deemed important to carry out the object of the society.

F.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

At the annual meeting of this Association held May 14, 1890, the following was reported as a suitable course of study for ministers who have entered the work without Seminary theological training.

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History.....Wm. Smith, L L. D.
2. Introduction to Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.
3. Logic.....W. S. Jevons.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.
5. Church Polity.....Dexter or Ross.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament History.....Wm. Smith, L L. D.
2. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith.
3. Psychology.....Noah Porter, D. D.
4. Homiletics.....Prof. A. Phelps or F. W. Fisk.
5. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith.
2. Christian Ethics.....Calderwood
3. Rhetoric.....A. S. Hill.
4. Church Histor y(Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

It was voted that this report be adopted, and that we recommend to councils for ordination that candidates who have not taken a complete theological course of study be requested to complete the course arranged by this Committee, or its equivalent, before ordination.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION—Organized May 7, 1886.

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Met at North Pasadena, May 9. 1894. Rev. D. D. Hill, Moderator: Rev. A. B. White, Scribe. Subjects discussed, "Methods of Christian Work," by Rev. F. N. Merriam; "What a Layman Likes in a Minister," (1) In the Pulpit, H. K. W. Bent, (2) Out of the Pulpit, Dr. J. E. Janes, (3) In Public Affairs, Dea. T. Barrows; "Trend of Naturalism," E. E. P. Abbott; "The Efficient Church," Rev. J. H. Harwood; "Home Missionary Addresses," Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. J. J. Findlay, Rev. E. R. Brainerd; "The Personal Christ in Christian Experience," Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins; "How to Make Disciples," (1) Pulpit Themes, Rev. J. Fletcher Brown, (2) Music, Rev. C. S. Vaile, (3) Pastoral Visitation, Rev. E. R. Brainerd. Next meeting in May, 1895, at Claremont.

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Met at South Riverside, May 1st and 2nd, 1894. Moderator, Rev. H. M. Voorhees; Scribe, Mr. S. H. Barrett. Subjects discussed: "Applied Christianity," paper by Rev. J. H. Williams; "Sunday School Work," 1st, How to Organize, Rev. H. P. Case; 2nd, How to Conduct a Sunday School, Miss Sarah M. Mead; 3rd,

How to Secure Preparation of the Lesson from the Scholars, Miss Winona Atwater; 4th, How to Secure Results, S. H. Barrett; 5th, Help from God's Word, Prof. D. H. Colcord; "Our Christian Endeavor Work," 1st, It's Significance, Rev. M. S. Phillips; 2nd, The Y. P. S. C. E. as the Pastor's Aid Society, Rev. S. G. Emerson; "Revivals or Occasional Conversions—Which or Both," Rev. J. R. Knodell; "Home Missions," 1st, General View, Rev. W. N. Burr; 2nd, Report from the Field, Rev. E. R. Brainerd; 3rd, The Financial Crisis, Rev. T. C. Hunt; 4th, How to Secure Money for Home Missions, Rev. A. E. Tracy.

Next meeting at San Bernardino, May 7th and 8th, 1895.

COUNCILS

Held During the Year 1894.

FEBRUARY 20.—Called by the First Church in Redlands with reference to the installation of Rev. J. H. Williams as its Pastor. Rev. O. H. Spoor, Moderator; Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Scribe. Resulted in installation, with the following exercises: Sermon, Rev. R. G. Hutchins, D. D.; Installing prayer, Rev. O. H. Spoor, Charge to the Pastor, Rev. L. H. Frary; Right hand of fellowship, Rev. A. E. Tracy; Charge to the people, Rev. H. P. Higley, D. D.

APRIL 11.—Called by a recently organized church at Paso Robles for the recognition of the church and the ordination and installation of Mr. E. Russell King as its Pastor. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. F. N. Merriam, Scribe. After suitable inquiries the Council voted unanimously to proceed to the work for which it was called, which it did with exercises as follows:

Afternoon—The Recognition. Prayer, Rev. F. N. Merriam; Fellowship of the churches. Rev. Geo. Willett; Address to the church, Rev. E. S. Williams.

Evening—The Ordination. Sermon, Rev. Geo. Willett; Prayer, of ordination, Rev. J. T. Ford; Right hand of fellowship, Rev. B. F. Moody; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. E. S. Williams; Charge to the people, Rev. F. N. Merriam.

APRIL 11.—Called by the church in Santa Monica to advise in regard to the continuance of its organization. Rev. C. S. Vaile, Moderator; Rev. Thomas Hendry, Scribe. It declared the following as the result of its deliberations: 1st, That it was inexpedient for the church to continue without a church lot and edifice, but, 2nd, That it was advisable for the church to go forward in view of

the assurance of the Council that it would make earnest endeavors to secure from the Congregational churches of Southern California at least $500, and of the probability that the Congregational Church Building Society would grant $500 more toward securing for it a lot and building.

JUNE 19.—A mutual Council to which was referred certain points in controversy between parties in the church at East Los Angeles, with agreement to abide by the advice given. Rev. D. D. Hill, Moderator; J. B. Irvine, Jr., Scribe. The advice given by the Council was accepted according to agreement, a Pastor was speedily settled under whom the work of the church goes forward with commendable harmony.

SEPT. 11.—At Lemon Grove to take into consideration the recognition of the churches at Lemon Grove and at Alpine. Rev. H. C. Abernethy, Moderator; Rev. J. D. Parker, Scribe. Resulted in the recognition of the two churches, with exercises as follows: Introductory address, Rev. H. C. Abernethy; Prayer of Recognition, Rev. Geo. S. Hall; Fellowship of the churches, Rev. E. D. Weage; Charge to the church, Rev. S. A. Norton.

SEPT. 20.—Called to meet at Whittier to consider the advisability of the formation of a Congregational church in that place. Rev. D. D. Hill, Moderator; Rev. Thomas Hendry, Scribe. Resulted in the organization and recognition of the church with public services as follows: Reception of members, Rev. J. T. Ford; Sermon, Rev. D. D. Hill; Prayer of recognition, Rev. Thomas Hendry; Fellowship of the churches, Rev. D. L. Jenkins; Charge to the church, Rev. J. H. Harwood.

NOV. 22.—Called by First Church in San Diego for the installation of Rev. Stephen A. Norton as pastor of that church. Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Moderator; Rev. J. H. Williams, Scribe. Resulted in the installation of Rev. S. A. Norton with services as follows: Sermon, Rev. L. H. Frary; Right hand of fellowship, Rev. H. M. Voorhees; Charge to Pastor, Rev. T. C. Hunt; Charge to people, Rev. J. H. Williams.

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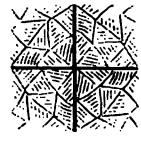

STATISTICS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1894.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS			MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED				BAPT.		Families
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	De.	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alpine	'94	Miss Lottie E. Snow.	John A. Rogers.	'90	'93	7	16	23	1	4	3		2	1	0	3	6	1	39
Avalon	'89	J. Stamford.	Ewing O. Tade.	'61	'94	11	13	24	5	0	4		0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Bakersfield	'92	Robert S. Hale	John W. Phillips..	'92	'93	14	31	45	6	7	16	23	2	4	0	6	5	1	40
Ballena	'89	Capt. Chas. A. Lumsden	Chas. A. Lumsden, lay reader	'92	.....	.....													
Bloomnigton	'92	L. H. Snodgrass.	Edw. R. Brainerd.	'84	'92	20	29	49	2	13	9	22	0	5	0	5	2	0	55
Buena Park	'88	R. C. Archibald.	George Willett	'78	'94	16	26	42	4	1	5	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	
Chula Vista	'90	L. W. Goff.				18	29	47	2		9	16	0	2	0	2	4	0	
Claremont	'91	Mrs. F. L. Norton.	Henry W. Jones	'66	'93	41	43	84	8	3	25	28	0	4	0	4	1	2	50
Compton	'88	Clark S. Hazeltine	James H. Harwood'	'63	'93	26	43	69	14	5	8	13	0	1	0	1	3	0	27
Daggett	'94	Mrs. Mary E. Igo	Lurian N. Barber.		'94	2	5	7	2			7	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Dehesa	'87	Mrs. J. B. Rose, El Cajon				10	12	22	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	
De Luz	'89	Fred H. Orvis	Henry M. Daniels	'61	'89	4	4	8	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Eagle Rock	'86	W. J. Seaman, Garvanza	George Morris	'60	'93	9	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	0	9
Encinitas	'90	Lee Chaffin	John L. Pearson.		'93	2	10	12	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Escondido	'86	Miss Frances W. Sturges	Henry Martin Voorhees.	'63	'93	36	55	91	6	2	35	37	2	4	0	6	1	3	75
Etiwanda	'93	Robert Hickcox	Chas H. Davis	'84	'95	7	12	19	2	6	0	6	0	7	0	7	2	4	45
Flinn Valley, Lakeside	'92	Dea. John W. White	John A. Rogers	'90	'92	7	8	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Halleck	'84					14	13	27	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Hesperia	'93	Rev. Stephen Edwards	Stephen Edwards		.....	5	2	7		0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	30
Highland, Messina	'84	Frank Cram.	Milton S. Phillips.	'79	'94	46	62	108	4	5	10	15	0	8	2	10	2	2	70
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaefle.	'87	'91	3	10	13	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	40
Jamul	'90	Mrs. C. A Sheldon	Isaac W. Atherton	'59	'91	6	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Lemon Grove	'94	Rev. Isaac W. Atherton	Isaac W. Atherton	'59	'93	5	6	11	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Long Beach	'88					15	34	49		1	6	7	0	4	2	6		1	
Los Angeles, First	'67	Wm. R. Blackman	Warren F. Day	'66	'94	163	268	431	30	6	23	29	12	36	94	142		1	250
" Park	'84	I. W. Fowler	Thomas Hendry	'91	'91	43	90	133	17	11	19	30	2	9	7	18	6	7	
" Third	'85	Miss Lottie Gomer	J. Fletcher Brown	'72	'93	33	58	91	10	25	13	38	0	5	0	5	35	3	
" East, Sta. A	'87	Miss Sarah M. Jacobus.	Dexter D. Hill	'69	'94	64	101	165	27	1	10	11	2	5	2	9	0	1	80
" Plymouth	'88	Mrs. E. R. Neidig	Chas. S. Vaile.	'82	'92	27	64	91	1	2	17	19	0	0	0	0	1	1	85
" West End	'88	James Travis, Sta E.	George Morris	'60	'93	13	27	40	6	0	7	7	0	4	0	4	0	1	25
" Olivet	'89	Rev. A. B. White	Austin B. White	'61	'93	10	36	46	5	12	3	15	2	1	3	9	6	0	35
" Bethlehem.	'92	G. J. Foster	John J. Findlay.	'93	'94	28	46	74	12	28	12	40	0	10	0	10	10	2	160
Mentone	'92	W. J. Atwood	George Robertson	'82	'93	20	29	49	5	4	7	11	0	1	0	1	1	1	50
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Belle V. Bent	Ephraim E. P. Abbott	'68	'92	19	30	49	13	2	11	13	0	8	1	9	2	1	25
Moreno	'91	Chas. W. Godfrey.	Stephen G. Emerson	'91	'93	35	38	73	3	8	5	13	0	3	3	6	5	4	47
National City	'81	Albert G Adams	Frank A. Bissell	'82	'94	39	54	93	5	2	4	6	1	10	3	14	0	1	25
Needles	'92	Mrs. Maud Benson	Geo. W. Henning.	'69	'91	3	13	16	0	0	11	11	2	2	0	4	0	0	80
					'92	18	35	53	2	2	5	7	1	6	1	8	2	1	

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Paso Robles	'93	Geo. W. Witter, Jr	E Russell King, P C	'94	'94	15	34	49	0	19	12	31	1	0	3	4	11	2	75
Perris	'87	Miss Carrie Pell	William N. Burr, P	'85	'92	27	54	81	23	1	6	7	3	2	6	11	1	1	60
Pico Heights	'87	Mrs. Bird Thomas	John M Schaefle, P	'87	'91	21	30	51	11	10	2	12	1	2	2	5	3	14	70
Pomona	'87	Charles M. Stone	Lucien H. Frary, P C	'69	'88	121	200	321	45	19	40	59	3	12	2	17	9	9	195
Poso	'93	Mrs. Clarence Wright	Alfred K Johnson, P	'63	'63	9	10	19	0	1	7	8	0	0	1	1	0	3	....
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C Abernethy, P	'45	'87	16	26	42	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	25
Redlands, First	'80	William E. Lockwood	John H Williams, P C	'73	'93	76	114	190	15	18	28	46	1	11	0	12	8	5	100
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Rev. A. L. Park	Orange H Spoor, P	'61	'90	27	47	74	4	2	6	8	2	3	0	5	0	0	60
Rialto	'90	W. D. Humphrey	Edw R Brainerd, P	'84	'93	26	36	62	6	8	14	22	0	2	0	2	..	..	....
Riverside	'72	Walter L. Koethen	Theodore C Hunt, P C	'80	'85	138	204	342	36	29	26	55	2	19	6	27	13	8	138
Rosedale	'92	I. T. Sharpe	Alfred K. Johnson, P	'63	'92	16	18	34	0	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	2	1	..
San Bernardino, First	'67	Ada M. Smith	James R Knodell, P	'79	'93	49	87	136	24	20	22	42	0	5	0	5	11	2	100
" Bethel	'89	Miss Avis Chapman	Geo. J Pinder, Lic		'94	7	8	15	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	8	0	0	100
San Diego, First	'86	Dea. M. T. Gilmore	Stephen A Norton, P C	'81	'94	108	226	334	35	8	24	32	4	13	31	48	5	6	100
" Second	'88	Miss Jennie Robertson	Geo S Hall, P	'77	'91	16	37	53	14	0	6	6	0	3	0	3	0	3	40
San Jacinto	'86	I. N. Hewes	Alex W Thompson, P	'80	'92	20	37	57	6	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
San Luis Obispo	'92	J. K Tuley	Walter W Madge, P	'81	'95	7	17	24	2	1	9	10	0	12	9	21	1	0	.
San Miguel	'86	Miss Margaret Hasson	E Russell King, P	'94	'94	6	21	27	6	4	0	4	0	6	0	6	4	0	15
Santa Ana	'89	Dea. Labosier E. Srack	John H. Cooper.		'93	28	79	107	17	5	8	13	2	12	0	14	3	6	35
Santa Barbara	'67	Dr. C. S. Kittredge	Franklin F Pearse, P	'83	'93	73	127	200	38	3	11	14	1	18	0	19	2	1	102
Santa Monica	'90	Mrs Marian A. Gray	Geo H. DeKay, P	'90	'94	16	23	39	8	2	13	15	0	6	0	6	2	0	25
Saticoy	'91	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, P	'64	'90	9	22	31	3	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	50
Sierra Madre	'86	Wm. D Osgood	Ephraim E P Abbott, P	'68	'88	33	45	78	11	2	11	13	1	2	2	5	2	4	..
South Riverside	'87	Mrs. Dora L. Cover	J Spencer Jewell, P	'66	'90	34	47	81	7	4	9	13	1	2	2	5	4	5	72
Spring Valley	'88	Lily Lobingier	Isaac W Atherton, P	'59	'91	12	14	26	0	2	2	4	1	9	0	10	0	1	23
Ventura	'69	Charles L. Sheldon	Frank N. Merriam, P	'92	'91	45	85	130	30	9	5	14	4	15	7	26	8	2	65
Vernondale	'85	W F G. Blaikie	Geo A Rawson, P	'60	'89	33	47	80	7	0	4	4	2	2	1	5	0	1	45
Villa Park	'89	Dea Henry Snyder	Chas H Longfellow, Lic		'94	5	9	14	2	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	0	0	30
Westminster	'78	Geo W. Mack	Daniel C. Starkey, P	'65	'93	12	20	32	2	1	11	12	1	6	0	7	1	0	20
Whittier	'94	Chas W Houghton	George Willett, P	'78	'94	10	19	29	0	9	20	29	0	0	0	0	2	0	....

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Place		Superintendent	M.	Avg	Ad. Ch.	Ben. Cont.	Mem	For-eign	Ed.	Ch'ch Bl'dg	H'me Msns	A M. A.	S. S.	M'l Aid	Other	Total	Leg ac's	Home Exp.
Alpine	'94	Mrs. Sarah S. Rogers	29	21	4	$ 9 00	....	$ 1 00	$	.....	$10 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	...	.....	$ 13 00	....	$ 233 00
Avalon	'89	J. Stamford	90	28	0	...	12	5 00	3 00	..	24 00	4 00	10 00	...	.....	46 00	....	518 00
Bakersfield	'92	S. G Goodhue	45	30	2	...	27	.....	...	...	12 00	...	.....	...	.....	12 00	....	650 00
Ballena	'89				....			.....	...	$10 00	.....	...	.....	...	.....	10 00	....	...
Bloomnigton	'92	W. H. H. Easton	80	60	10	....	50	.....	...	.....	15 00	...	.....	...	9 00	24 00	....	250 00
Buena Park	'88	James M. Pithlado		53			27	.....	...	.....	16 00	.....	.....	...	.....	16 00	....	390 00
Chula Vista	'90	Chas. A. Whittemore	65	36	6	4 00	44	.....	...	.....	10 00	.....	4 00	...	.....	14 00	....	1638 00
Claremont	'91	Frank P Brackett	152	61	3	.....	44	49 00	1075	10 00	99 00	.....	2 00	...	.....	1235 00	....	658 00
Compton	'88	M. R. Williams	50	40	3	7 00	19	38 00	...	8 00	61 00	.....	7 00	...	.....	114 00	....	451 00
Daggett	'94	Chas. J. Huey	46	25	0	7 00	.....	.....	...	.....	17 00	.....	.....	...	.....	17 00	....	101 00
Dehesa	'87	O. B. Avis (El Cajon)	30	25	0	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	18 00	.....	.....	...	.....	18 00	....	650 00
De Luz	'89	Henry M. Daniels	25	15	0	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	2 00	.....	.....	...	.....	2 00	....	4 00
Eagle Rock	'86	J. Q. Adams, L. A., Sta A	45	30	0	5 00	.....	.....	...	.....	2 00	.....	.....	...	.....	2 00	....	139 00
Encinitas	'90	Lee Chaffin	25	20	0	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3 00	.....	.....	...	.....	3 00	....	74 00
Escondido	'86	Dr. N. J. Rice	120	85	1	17 00	20	15 00	...	7 00	75 00	.....	9 00	...	45 00	151 00	....	950 00
Etiwanda	'93	A. R. Loud	40	35	3	.....	20	.....	...	.....	17 00	.....	.....	...	.....	17 00	....	...
Flinn Valley, Lakeside	'92	Saml. C. Dondore	24	14	0	1 00	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1 00	.....	...	.....	1 00	....	19 00
Halleck	'84	James Auchinachie	30	23	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	10 00	.....	.....	...	.....	10 00	....	...
Hesperia	'93	Rev. Stephen Edwards	100	70	0	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	16 00	.....	.....	...	.....	16 00	....	...
Highland, Messina	'84	Dea. S. H. Barrett	90	75	1	40 00	45	75 00	..	8 00	71 00	14 00	10 00	...	150 00	328 00	....	1200 00
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	40	30	4	10 00	12	.....	...	.....	18 00	.....	10 00	...	.....	28 00	....	283 00
Jamul	'90	Miss S. H. Curtis	32	26	0	2 00	18	.....	...	.....	17 00	.....	2 00	...	.....	19 00	....	175 00
Lemon Grove	'94	Geo. P. Hall	30	23	0	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	....	79 00
Long Beach	'88							.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	....	...
Los Angeles, First	'67	Don A. Judd	451	176	2	110 00	60	137 00	...	..	623 00	...	18 00	...	292 00	1070 00	....	7320 00
" Park	'84	W. A. Colwell	200	130			36	20 00	...	25 00	75 00	...	16 00	...	75 00	211 00	....	...
" Third	'85	Geo. T. Hanley	190	110	18	7 00	45	.....	...	9 00	.....	65 00	7 00	1 00	15 00	97 00	....	485 00
" East, Sta. A	'87	Daniel Jones	150	98	0	20 00	30	10 00	8 00	28 00	64 00	.....	4 00	...	.....	114 00	....	1400 00
" Plymouth	'88	Miss Lulu Prentiss	125	80	1	18 00	35	40 00	...	10 00	60 00	10 00	3 00	...	10 00	133 00	....	1300 00
" West End	'88	W. V. Johnson	95	45	0	10 00	35	8 00	...	.....	35 00	.....	.....	...	.....	43 00	....	200 00
" Olivet	'89	J. H. Hixson, Sta. D	121	86	6	...	22	4 00	...	6 00	15 00	.....	7 00	...	19 00	51 00	....	693 00
" Bethlehem	'92	John Terrace	230	121	5	3 00	28	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	3 00	...	.....	3 00	....	1831 00
Mentone	'92	Harry D. Meacham	50	42	0	4 00	42	.....	...	.....	21 00	.....	8 00	1 00	10 00	40 00	....	450 00
Monrovia	'87	Roswell H. Wilson	30	20	1	...	.....	.....	...	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	...	.....	4 00	....	284 00
Moreno	'91	O. N. Brant	80	45	6	...	40	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	7 00	...	.....	7 00	....	450 00
National City	'81	Lorin Mudgett	60	50	2	11 00	34	17 00	800	.....	82 00	.....	7 00	...	.....	64 00	....	875 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BENEVOLENCE.—Continued.

CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL					Y.P.S C.E.	BENEVOLENCE											
Place		Superintendent	M.	Avg	Ad. Ch.	Ben Cont.	Mem	For-eign	Ed.	Ch'ch Bl dg	H'me Msns	A. M. A.	S. S.	M'l Aid	Other	Total	Leg ac's	Home Exp.
Needles	'92	Robert Moore	35	30	0						$13 00					$ 13 00		$ 770 00
Nordhoff	'88	Frank P. Barrows	115	80	2	$ 9 00	25	$14 00	$ 5	$ 5 00	47 00	$ 5 00	$ 9 00		18 00	106 00		850 00
Oceanside	'85	T. V Dodd	22	17	0		union				4 00		2 00			6 00		74 00
Ontario	'85	A. E. Tracy	125	85	1		41	154 00	225	38 00	226 00	87 00	9 00		40 00	779 00		1600 00
Pasadena, First	'85	A. L. Hamilton	235	179	8	142 00	85	231 00			302 00	42 00	12 00		263 00	850 00		4555 00
" North	'89	J. H. Woodworth	150	90	3	8 00	30	10 00	25		30 00	2 00				67 00		1000 00
Paso Robles	'93	Miss Ruth Fowler	110	65	5	3 00	30				10 00					10 00		572 00
Perris	'87	Wm. N Burr	81	51	1		20	42 00		5 00	105 00		12 00			164 00		
Pico Heights	'87	O. T. Thomas	102	78	3	14 00	15		5	50 00			6 00		20 00	81 00		600 00
Pomona	'87	Stephen Alden	225	141	14	70 00	165	265 00	948	25 00	512 00	18 00	16 00		65 00	1849 00		4057 00
Poso	'93	Ernest Root, Spottiswood	35	27	0						10 00					10 00		200 00
Poway	'87	A. P. Ruch	60	35	2	6 00					35 00					35 00		160 00
Redlands, First	'80	J. S Edwards	160	126	9	75 00	55	121 00	55	6 00	235 00	58 00	10 00	525		1010 00		4000 00
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Sumner A. Grover	120	62	0	10 00	72	58 00		19 00	82 00	26 00	8 00			193 00		900 00
Rialto	'90	Mrs. L. E. Williamson	40	30	3	2 00	30			8 00	20 00		2 00		10 00	40 00		365 00
Riverside	'72	Chas. W Elkins	240	135	11	33 00	79	169 00		36 00	312 00	75 00	20 00		125 00	737 00		3275 00
Rosedale	'92									10 00	10 00					20 00		350 00
San Bernardino, First	'67	Miss Emily Johnson	143	72	7	9 00	72			7 00	107 00		9 00		50 00	173 00		3104 00
" Bethel	'89	H. B. Muscott	78	58	0													145 00
San Diego, First	'86	George W Marston	200	150	2	75 00		350 00	1050	85 00	750 00	125 00	35 00		250 00	2545 00		3300 00
" Second	'88	J. W. Williams	70	52		13 00	16	2 00			23 00	3 00	3 00			31 00		375 00
San Jacinto	'86	Miss Sarah M. Mead	80	54		9 00	28	62 00		75 00	13 00		9 00			159 00		540 00
San Luis Obispo	'92	Thos. Dawson	76	43			25				12 00					12 00		547 00
San Miguel	'86	Mrs Clara B Telford	40	23						37 00	9 00					46 00		181 00
Santa Ana	'89	Franklin E. Persham	86	49	2		27	5 00							7 00	12 00		3150 00
Santa Barbara	'67	H R. Hitchcock	91	61		23 00	37	212 00			199 00	72 00	17 00		132 00	632 00		2103 00
Santa Monica	'90	James Gray	50	10		6 00	10	6 00			70 00					76 00		530 00
Saticoy	'91	Mrs. S. R. Sharp	51	55		8 00	20	12 00		18 00	2 00		5 00		3 00	40 00		1113 00
Sierra Madre	'86	Mr. -- Humphries	60	39	1	6 00	32		50		31 00		48 00			129 00		
South Riverside	'87	Albert Caldwell	124	51	4	15 00	69	24 00		6 00	102 00		6 00		15 00	244 00		1141 00
Spring Valley	'88	Frank M. Oliver	39	29	1	9 00	20	7 00			21 00	9 00				37 00		265 00
Ventura	'69	W. R. H. Weldon	100	65	2	7 00	75	24 00			85 00	24 00	2 00		17 00	152 00		1700 00
Vernondale	'85	Geo. Hanna, 823 Cent. Av.	142	75	0	17 00	12	10 00		18 00	69 00	25 00	7 00		19 00	148 00		790 00
Villa Park	'89	Wm. E. Marsh	75	45	2		12			7 00	6 00					13 00		225 00
Westminster	'78	Hansler Larter	51	32	0	5 00	48	19 00		3 00			8 00		3 00	33 00		276 00
Whittier	'91	Chas. W. Houghton	45	10	0													146 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR BOOK'S LIST OF CHURCHES: Added—Alpine, Daggett, Lemon Grove, Paso Robles, Whittier. Omitted—Carlsbad.

CHURCHES: 5 with pastors installed by council. 56 with pastors otherwise inducted. 1 with supply. 10 vacant (including 5 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations.) Total, 72.

MINISTERS: 5 pastors installed by council. 43 pastors otherwise inducted. 1 supply. Others, 34. Total, 83.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 2,042 males. 3,443 females. Total, 5,482 (including 649 absent.)

ADDITIONS: 363 by confession. 655 by letter. Total, 1,018.

REMOVALS: 66 by death. 460 by dismissal. 336 by discipline. Total, 862.

BAPTISMS: 201 adult. 123 infant.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: Members, 6,418. Average, 4,056. Joined the church, 161. Benevolence, $859.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 51. 1,895 members.

FAMILIES: 58 churches reporting 3,313.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 69 churches reporting $14,391. Foreign, $2,216. Education, $3,548. Church Building, $571. Home, $4,812. A. M. A., $666. Sunday School, $390. Other, $2,188. Total, $14,391.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 63 churches reporting $66,912.

LIST OF MISSION SCHOOLS OF C. S. S. AND P. S. IN SO. CALIFORNIA.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	MEMBERS.
Acton, Union	J. Nickel	Acton	38
Agua Caliente	Mrs. J. H. Babbitt	Warner	41
Alpine Union	W. S. Stephenson	Alpine	20
Alessandro	Mr. — Bailey	Alessandro	25
Arrowhead	H. H. Horn	San Bernardino	20
Barstow	J. H. Jones	Barstow	30
Bouquet Canyon	Otto Rinderknect	Lancaster	15
Calico	Mrs. A. R. Rhea	Calico	30
Descanso	Wm. Copeland	Descanso	18

Endeavor	C. C. Pierce	Los Angeles	55
Eliseo	B. A. Lloyd	Eliseo	20
East Vale	Miss Sadie Walkem	South Riverside	15
Fresno Valley	Miss Leathers	San Marcos	16
Glenella	Dr. Geo. Wolfe	Bernardo	18
Gabilan	Mrs. J. H. Vaughn	Perris	22
Good Hope	E. J. Manker	"	20
Harmony, Union	W. T. Austernell	Los Angeles	40
Harold	Miss Lansing	Harold	15
Jamacha	D. C. Maxfield	Jamul	22
Hartford	A. E. Kepner	Hartford	45
Lugo	Mrs. J. H. McDonald	Compton	75
Lake View	S. M. Morrison	Bakersfield	18
La Jolla Park	Mrs. A. P. Mills	La Jolla Park	15
Little Rock Creek	A. J. Nutting	Little Rock Creek	30
Llano	A. P. Wiley	Llano	25
Matilifa	Miss Mary Rice	Nordhoff	20
Mojave	Mrs. H. H. Woods	Mojave	25
Mountain View	Miss — Collins, Sec.	Ontario	20
Moosa	Mrs. C. S. Norton	Moosa	28
North Perris	Neil Groot	Perris	60
Ocean View, Union	Mr. — Adams	Westminster	55
Old Mission	J. W. Doren	Idlewilde	35
Oakdale	Mrs. Walsh	Escondido	25
Olivenheim	J. L. Chaffin	Encinitas	21
Pleasant Valley	H. C. Reid	Zeuker	45
Placentia	A. T. Pendleton	Placentia	50
Rochester	D. Galloway	Rochester	30
Redondo Beach, U'n	Wm. N. Best	Redondo Beach	40
Sorrento	John Macpherson	Sorrento	25
San Marcos	Geo. Gall	San Marcos	20
Serena	Eli Kimberly	Santa Barbara	15
Tajauta	R. S. Ramsaur	Florence	70
Twin Oaks	———	Twin Oaks	25
Toolwass	Mrs. John Stanley	Bakersfield	20
Victor	J. T. Auchinachie	Halleck	15
Viejas	———	———	
Valley	Mrs. A. Smith	South Riverside	35
Newport Beach, U'n	Geo. Hill	Santa Ana	25
Vanderbilt	Mrs. A. Northway	Vanderbilt	20

LATEST ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, OR SERVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

N. B. If your name is not correctly given in the following list; if the first name is not given in full; if your postoffice or date of ordination is wrong, or if your name is not found here but should be given, write to Rev. Jas. T. Ford, Station A, Los Angeles, Registrar of General Association.

"W. C." denotes with charge. * Not members of this Association.

NAME.	EMPLOYMENT.	POSTOFFICE.	ORDAINED.
Abbott, Ephraim E. P.	Pastor	Sierra Madre	'68
Abernethy, Henry C	Pastor	Poway	'45
Alvord, Lawrence C	W. C	San Diego	'88
Atherton, I. W	Pastor	Helix	'59
Baldwin, Cyrus G	Pres. College	Claremont	'81
Barber, L. N	Pastor	Daggett	'70
Bartlett, Enoch N	Retired	Ventura	'41
Bixby, Alanson	W. C.	San Diego	'50
Brainerd, Edward E	Pastor	Los Angeles, 624 Broadway	'84
Bristol, Sherlock	Retired	Ventura	'43
Brown, J. Fletcher	Pastor	Los Angeles, 1116 N. Main St.	'70
Burr, Wm. N	Pastor	Perris	'88
Carr, G. Trotter	W. C	Los Angeles, Station A	'71
Case, Harlan P	Supt. C. C. S & P S	Los Angeles, Box 1863	'71
Cash, Elijah	W. C	Los Angeles, Station E	'78
Colcord, Daniel H	Prof. Col'ge	Claremont	'81
Crosswell, M. S	W. C	Los Angeles, Station D	'67
Culver, Franklin J	W. C	Pasadena	'90
Daniels, Henry M	Pastor	De Luz	'61
Davis, Charles H	Pastor	Etiwanda	'77
De Kay, Geo. H	Pastor	Santa Monica	'90
Emerson, Stephen G	Pastor	Moreno	'91
Field, Alden P	W. C	Monrovia	'91

Russell Rev Frank A. Pastor National City '82
*Cooper Rev John M. Pastor Santa Ana '87
*Day Warren F Pastor Los Angeles '66

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Will the PASTORS, to whom the packages for the Churches are sent, see that they are so distributed, that, as nearly as practicable, each family may have a copy of the minutes. Some pastors are accustomed to call the attention of their members to the value of this publication for reading and reference. It is believed that if all should do this, the interest of the members in the common work of our Churches would be greatly increased.

Will not the Church Clerks file the minutes as they come year by year, and thus preserve for reference the only permanent record of our general work.

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General Association of Southern California

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MODERATOR:

REV. WARREN F. DAY, D. D.

Los Angeles.

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Pasadena.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER:

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Los Angeles.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

REV. D. H. COLCORD,

Claremont

SCRIBE:

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Redondo

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. W. F. Day, D. D., Rev. T. C. Hunt, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Chas. E. Harwood, Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. A. E. Tracy, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Rev. H. W. Lathe.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. H. P. Case, Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. W. N. Burr, Rev. F. A. Bissell.

On Education—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Dea. Thomas Barrows, Prof. A. S. McPherron.

On Temperance—Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. Jas. H. Harwood, D. D. Rev. F. S. Forbes.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting—Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. T. Hendry, Rev. I. W. Atherton.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. C. S. Vaile, J. B. Irvine, Jr.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. F. N. Merriam, Rev. S. G. Emerson.

Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California—Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D. J. E. Janes, M. D , S. H. Barrett.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill. For two years: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs. For one year: Chas. E. Harwood, N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, Geo. W. Marston, Alfred H. Smiley.

Delegates to Other General Meetings—To General Association of California, Rev. C. S. Vaile, Dea. N. W. Blanchard. Delegates to other meetings to be appointed by the Registrar when the time and place of said meetings are ascertained.

To Report the Work of the Churches—Rev. J. S. Jewell.

NEXT MEETING.

Place and Time—Claremont, second Tuesday in October.

Preacher—Rev. S. A. Norton, D.D.; Alternate, Rev. H. W. Lathe.

REGISTRARS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Los Angeles Association—Rev. Thomas Hendry, Los Angeles.

San Bernardino Association—Rev. J. R. Knodell, San Bernardino.

San Diego Association—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches, held in Boston in June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization:

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of Business:

The Association shall be opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the Churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and Substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; of Arrangements for the next meeting; on Publication.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Duties of Permanent Committees:

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committees to fulfill in their several departments the work of the Association throughout the year for which they are appointed, collecting and diffusing information, giving impetus and direction to the work, and reporting at the annual meeting facts gathered, work done, results realized, also needs unsupplied and plans for future work.

4. Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that committee.

5. Annual dues:

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the Churches belonging to it, at the rate of five cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the Churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

6. Amendments:

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshipped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the Confessions and Platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or re-affirmed. We declare that the experience of the nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, He will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a Nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State, and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by its all-transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system, that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; and that the division of such communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same common faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of

apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided Church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the only living and true God; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the Church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and, through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter, are delivered from the power of sin and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and apostles and in the life, the miracles, the death and the resurrection of His Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming now our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of His body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the Gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world, and "preach the Gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth" fulfill the promise which is all our hope, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

1895.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California convened at the First Congregational Church of Riverside, Tuesday, October 8th, at 7:30 P. M.

The Registrar called the meeting to order, and read the roll of ministerial members, also the delegates from the churches. The roll was afterwards completed as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

E. E. P. Abbott,
H. C. Abernethy,
I. W. Atherton,
L. N. Barber,
Frank A. Bissell,
Wm. N. Burr,
Harlan P. Case,
D. H. Colcord,
M. S. Crosswell,
H. M. Daniels,
C. H. Davis,
Warren F. Day, D.D.,
Geo. H. De Kay,
S. G. Emerson,
Fred'k. A. Field,
John J. Findlay,
Jas. T. Ford,
L. H. Frary,
Jas. H. Harwood, D. D.,
Thomas Hendry,
Geo. W. Henning,
Dexter D. Hill,
Theo. C. Hunt,
D. Lloyd Jenkins,
J. Spencer Jewell,
Harvey Jones,
Henry W. Jones,
S. H. Kellogg,
E. Russell King,
Jas R. Knodell,
Frank N. Merriam,
John A. Milligan,
George Morris,
O. V. Rice,
George Robertson,
John M. Schaefle,
D. C. Starkey,
Alex. W. Thompson,
Alfred E. Tracy,
E. B. Tuthill,
Chas. S. Vaile,
Austin B. White,
George Willett,
John H. Williams,
Wm. H. Wolcott.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Alessandro.....Mrs. L. B. Lyons
James Atwater

Bloomington.....Dea. E. Balsbaugh

Chula Vista.....T. G. Ellis

Claremont.....Mrs. Amanda L. Bangs
Dehesa.....Rev. Alexander Douglass
Highland.....Dea. S. H. Barrett
Mrs. A. J. Hall
La Mesa.....J. H. Whitney
Long Beach.....Rev. S. C. Kendall
Los Angeles, First.....Chester Hard, M. D.
" " Park.....Mrs. F. P. Barnes
J. R. Home
" " Third.....Mr. Turner
" " East.....H. H. Holmes
" " Plymouth.....Dea. Josiah W. Parker
" " West End.....Mrs. George Morris
" " Olivet.....C. F. Adams
J A. Kerr
" " Bethlehem.....Frank Matthews
Mentone.....S. R. Baker
Mrs C. W. A. Cartlidge
Monrovia.....E. A Bovee
Moreno.....Samuel Linn
Franklin Wells
Ontario.....John Crawford
H. A. Morse
Pasadena, First.....H M. Hamilton
John E. Janes, M.D.
Perris.....Donald McPherson
Henry Sypherd
Pomona.....Walter Kidder
Mrs. Jacob Horton
Redlands, First.....Wm. E. Lockwood, M. D
Mrs. J. V. Love
" Lugonia Terrace.....Jerome Bogar
Mrs. J. G. Hale
Redondo Beach.....Mrs. Fred'k A. Field
Rialto.....W. N. Cline, M. D
Mrs. H M. Van Frank
Riverside.....D. B. Bordwell
H. M. Streeter
San Bernardino, First.....A. C. Clarke
Mrs. Mary B. Smith
San Diego, First.....W. A. Sloane
A. T. Richardson
San Jacinto.....Mrs. A. W. Thompson
Mrs. J. Q A. Hudson
Santa Ana.....Miss Helen Stebbins
Miss Julia Stebbins

Santa Barbara.....Rev. Frank S. Forbes
C. S. Kittredge, M.D.
Santa Monica.....Miss E. P. Bixby
Mrs. Geo H. De Kay
Sierra Madre.....Dea. Geo. Humphreys
Mrs Geo. Humphreys
South Riverside.....Miss Mary Fraser
J. L. Merriam
Vernondale.....Dea. Jas. Gillespie
Mrs. Jas. Gillespie
Villa Park.....J. A. Huhn

Rev. Warren F. Day, D.D, was chosen Moderator; John E. Janes, M.D., Assistant Moderator; Rev. Fredk. A. Field, Scribe and Rev. Chas. H. Davis, Assistant Scribe.

After prayer by the Moderator it was voted to adopt the printed program prepared by the Committee of Arrangements, subject to changes by vote of the Association.

Then followed the exercises of the

HOME MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

1st. Report of the Home Mission Committee, by Rev. D. D. Hill, Chairman. (See Appendix B.)

2d. Report of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, by Mrs. W. J. Washburn, President; read by Mrs. M. M. Smith.

3d. Address on the Work of the Congregational Church Building Society, by Rev. H. H. Wikoff, Field Secretary for the Pacific Coast.

4th. Address by Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

The Moderator then appointed *Committees* as follows:

On Nominations: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. W. N. Burr, Dea. Jas. Gillespie.

On Business: Rev. J. Spencer Jewell, Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, C. S. Kittredge, M.D.

On Resolutions: Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. C. S. Vaile, Dea. S. H. Barrett.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 9th.

The Association was led in prayer by the Rev. O. V. Rice.

The Minutes for Tuesday evening were read and approved.

The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted. (Appendix A.)

The following named persons were invited to sit with the Association as Honorary Members:

Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., of New York City.

Rev. John Kimball, of San Francisco.

Rev. Prof. R. R. Lloyd, of Oakland.

Resident ministers of Riverside present.

Rev. C. S. Vaile was appointed to report to the daily papers the proceedings of the Association.

Rev. J. T. Ford gave notice of a proposed amendment of Article VII. of the Constitution, changing the time of the annual meeting from the second Tuesday of May to the second Tuesday of October. Also, on suggestion of Rev. George Morris, of an amendment of Article II., defining the limits of the Association as that part of California South of the northern line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties.

Rev. H. P. Case, Chairman of Committee on Sunday-Schools and Superintendent of Sunday-School Work for Southern California, made his report concerning the work of the year. (Appendix C.)

This was followed by papers and addresses, on "Sunday-School Management," by F. M. Burnham, of Pasadena; on "The Sunday-School Text-Book," by Rev. J. Spencer Jewell, of South Riverside; and on "The Ultimate End of Sunday-School Work," by Dea. S. H. Barrett, of Highland.

A service of prayer for an hour was led by the Rev. Thomas Hendry, of Los Angeles. Subject, "The Dominance of the Holy Spirit over the Deliberations of the Association."

A Historical Sketch of the Beginnings and Progress of Congregationalism in Southern California was read by the Rev. J. T. Ford. (See Appendix E.)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Committee on Temperance reported through the Rev. J. H. Harwood, D.D. (See Appendix D.)

The report was followed by an address on the same subject by C. P. Dorland, Esq., of Monrovia. It was

RESOLVED, That the woes of intemperance, the curse and baneful power of the saloon demand for their overthrow the wisest and most earnest efforts of all Christians.

That we hail with pleasure any movement that tends to unite the friends of temperance in aggressive opposition to the saloon; and therefore

That we rejoice in the organization of the Anti-Saloon League, and we recommend the most hearty co-operation with this movement.

VOTED, That the thanks of the Association be given to Dr.

Harwood for his report, and that a copy be requested for publication.

Rev. Warren F. Day, D.D., addressed the Association on "Irregularities which Appear in the Administration of our Congregational Churches and Councils."

A half-hour service of prayer was led by the Rev. S. G. Emerson, of Moreno. Subject, "Rooted and Grounded in the Truth."

Rev. L. H. Frary read a brief paper concerning the life, services and character of Rev. Charles B. Sheldon, a member of this Association, lately deceased. (Appendix G.)

Under the title of "Modern History," a summary of Reports from the Churches was presented by Rev. J R. Knodell, of San Bernardino. (See Appendix F.)

Rev. John Kimball, Managing Editor of *The Pacific*, presented the claims of that paper. Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., of New York, then volunteered an emphatic estimate of *The Pacific* as the best paper for our California church-members.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY EVENING.

After devotional services, Mrs. J. H. Williams, of Redlands, presented the report of the Association's Committee on Foreign Missions.

Then followed addresses from Mrs. H. E. Jewett, President of the Woman's Board of the Pacific; Rev. Walter Frear, Pacific Coast Agent of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Rev. W. A McGinley, of Chula Vista.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 10th.

After prayer by Rev. D. C. Starkey, of Westminster, the Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The *Committee on Nominations* made its *Report*, which was adopted, as follows:

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Rev. Warren F. Day, D.D., Hon. Chas. E. Harwood, Rev. J. H. Williams, and Rev. S. A. Norton, D.D.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. A. E. Tracy, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Rev. H. W. Lathe.

On Sunday-Schools—Rev. H. P. Case, Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. W. N. Burr, Rev. F. A. Bissell.

On Education—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Dea. Thomas Barrows, Prof. A. S. McPherron.

On Temperance—Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. James H. Harwood, D.D., Rev. F. S. Forbes.

On Arrangements for Next Meeting—Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. Thomas Hendry, and Rev. I. W. Atherton.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. C. S. Vaile, J. B. Irvine, Jr.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. Frank N. Merriam, Rev. S. G. Emerson.

Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California—Rev. Harvey Jones, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. S. A. Norton, D.D., John E. Janes, M.D., Dea. S. H. Barrett.

Other Appointments

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. Dexter D. Hill. For two years: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D.D., Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, D.D., Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs. For one year: Hon. Chas. E. Harwood, N. W. Blanchard, H. K. W. Bent, George W. Marston, Alfred H. Smiley.

To Prepare Report of the Work of the Churches — Rev. J. Spencer Jewell.

Delegates to other General Meetings—To the General Congregational Association of California: Rev. C. S. Vaile, Dea. N. W. Blanchard. Delegates to other meetings to be appointed by the Committee on Arrangements for Next Meeting when the time and place of other meetings are ascertained.

Preacher for the Next Meeting—Rev. S. A. Norton, D.D. Alternate, Rev. H. W. Lathe.

Place of Next Meeting—Claremont.

Voted, That the Scribe and Registrar be instructed to express to our brethren who are sick—Rev. S. Bristol, Rev. H. M. Voorhees, Rev. M. S. Phillips and Rev. M. F. Platt—the fraternal sympathy of the Association, and to assure them that we remember them in prayer for the Divine blessing upon them in their affliction.

At 9:30 A.M. the Association took a recess to give place to a meeting of the Ministers' Relief Society, at which Rev. Harvey Jones presided, and a report prepared by Rev. S. A. Norton was read by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

At 10 o'clock the Association reconvened and listened to addresses on "The Indifference of Business Men to Vital Religion," —"Its Cause," by W. A. Sloane, of San Diego; "Its Cure," by Rev. H. W. Lathe, of Pasadena.

Then followed a service of prayer led by Rev. W. N. Burr Topic—"The Means of Obtaining Power from on High."

Rev. C. S. Vaile, our delegate to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, made report of his reception by that body at Downey.

Rev. H. W. Lathe, delegate to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pasadena, also made report.

No regularly appointed delegates from other Ecclesiastical Bodies appeared: but the Rev. Mr. Button, of Riverside, a minister of the Baptist Church, gave cordial greeting to the Association; and Rev. Walter Frear, of the General Congregational Association of California, presented the salutations of that body, in the absence of its delegate.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

On motion of Rev. I. W. Atherton it was

VOTED, That the thanks of the Association be given to Judge Sloane and Rev. H. W. Lathe for their able addresses on "The Indifference of Business Men to Vital Religion," and that copies of these be requested for publication.

Professor R. R. Lloyd, of the Pacific Theological Seminary, Oakland, presented the claims of that institution—

The claims of Pomona College were presented.

1st. By Professor D. H. Colcord, who spoke of it as "A Christian College of the New England Type."

2d. By Rev. H. W. Jones, pastor of the College church Subject: The Church and the College.

3d. By Mr. Hamilton, a business man of Pasadena, and by Professor McCartney, who has recently settled in Claremont that his children may attend the college.

4th. By Mr. E. F. Hahn, a student, who presented the claims of the college from the standpoint of a student.

The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Williams, of Redlands. Subject: The Church in Rescue Work. Text, Luke x: 30, etc.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Professor R. R. Lloyd and Rev. F. N. Merriam.

The collection, amounting to $24.42, was devoted to the work of the Ministers' Relief Society.

The *Committee on Resolutions* reported the following, which were adopted:

1st. RESOLVED, That we regard Pomona College as the child of our Churches, worthy of their love and deserving of their hearty support.

2d. In view of the obligation and vital importance of the Christian Sabbath to morality and spiritual growth, the development of the Church and the prosperity of the Nation,

RESOLVED, That we heartily endorse the action of the Christian Endeavorers at their National Convention in refusing to use public conveyances on the Sabbath; and we commend this example to the ministry and the members of our several churches.

That we deplore the growing prevalence of the use of the Sunday mails and the Sunday newspaper.

That we commend the earnest work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in seeking, by the distribution of literature and by other means, to create a sentiment of regard for the sacredness and importance of the day.

3d. RESOLVED, That we commend, and as pastors and Congregationalists we will second, the efforts of the editors of the *The Pacific* to enlarge its circulation among our membership.

That we are pleased with that feature which allots a specified space to distinct localities, and shall hope for continued improvement through their kindly emulation.

4th. RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due and are heartily tendered to the people of this church for the cordial reception that they have given us and for their bountiful hospitality and entertainment.

That we record our regret that an accident has deprived us to so large an extent of the pleasure of the pastor's presence.

5th. RESOLVED, That we extend to the railroads our thanks for the reduction in fare which they have so kindly allowed.

The Minutes of the Association were approved and the Scribe authorized to complete them by adding the record of the evening services.

VOTED, To adjourn at the close of the evening service.

THURSDAY EVENING.

This evening was set apart as "Endeavor Evening." Its exercises began with a service of praise led by Rev. F. A. Bissell. Addresses followed by Rev George Willett on "Christian Enthusiasm," and by Professor R R Lloyd on "The Relation of the Books of the New Testament to one another."

F. A. FIELD, SCRIBE.

J. T. FORD, REGISTRAR.

APPENDIX.

A.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California

In account with James T. Ford, Treasurer.

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Oct. 15. By Balance in Treasury. $89.16

By Dues recd. from Pomona, $19.53; Oceanside, $1 26; Encinitas, $0.77; Avalon, $3.01; Claremont, $4.20; Compton, $3.99; Hesperia, $0.63; Highland, $7.21; Long Beach, $6.16; Los Angeles, East, $11.41; Los Angeles, Plymouth, $5.04; Los Angeles, Olivet, $2 80; Los Angeles, Bethlehem, $3.08; Mentone, $2.73; Moreno, $4.62; Needles, $0 63; Pasadena, First, $20.58; Pasadena, North, $3.85; Poway, $2.66; Redlands, First, $10 92; Riverside, $21.28; Rosedale, $1.61; San Diego, Second, $3.50; San Jacinto, $3.50; San Miguel, $2.03; Santa Barbara, $14.35; Santa Monica, $2.10; Saticoy, $4.48; Sierra Madre, $9.94; Villa Park, $1.26; Westminster, $1 89; DeLuz, $0.63; Jamul, $1 19; Spring Valley, $2.24; Chula Vista, $2.31; Redlands, Terrace, $9.59; Los Angeles, First, $38.08; $235.06

Jan. 10, By Dues fr. Los Angeles, Park, $7.90; South Riverside, $9.31; Vernondale, $5.67. $22.88

March 15. " " " Los Angeles, West End, $2.59; Nordhoff, $3.78. $6.37

May 1, " " " Flinn Valley, $1.05; Ventura, $9.94; Santa Ana, $7.56; San Bernardino, First, $6.72, Ontario, $13.50; Pico Heights, $2.80; Hyde Park, $0.63; Eagle Rock, for '93 and '94, $5.46. $47.66

$401.13

Dr.

Dec. 27, To Expense for Card Circulars, $1 35; for Copy of Minutes, $2.00. $3.35

Feb. 16, To expense for printing Minutes, $76.00; for sending out Minutes, $11.08. $87.08

Apr. 22,	To Expense for Card Circulars	.75
May 8,	To Expenses of Statistical Secretary,	2.25
Sept. 26,	To Expense for 300 printed Postal Cards,	4.25
Oct. 7,	To Expense for writing Receipts,	.75
Oct. 8,	To Payment of dues to National Council for 1895,	75.78
" 8,	To Expense of program for Association,	7.75
	Balance transferred to New Account,	219.17
		$401.13

B.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully submit the following report:

Each year of our Home Missionary work has been characterized by some marked feature: one was the "year of the boom," the next "the year of the burst," another the "year of pastoral changes." Our Superintendent designated the year 1894 and 1895 as the "year of hardship." But the drouth of that year so exhausted the means of the people that in many of our missionary fields the past year it has been more difficult to sustain our work than ever before.

Yet services have been maintained in all our churches The number of members added to the forty aided churches for the year ending Jan. 1, 1895 is 495; 194 on confession and 301 by letter —an average of 12 to each little church.

Four new churches have been organized this year, Redondo, Fremontville, Alessandro and La Mesa. No additional Home Missionary money is used to sustain any of these, except the first.

One house of worship has been built, that at Redondo.

The Home Missionary contributions for the year ending March 31, 1895, exceed those of the previous year by $953.33.

This encouraging result is due largely to the faithfulness and zeal of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, whose contributions to this cause are larger than in any previous year.

Our attention has often been called to the fact that one-fourth of the population of Los Angeles County are foreign born. Feeling that something ought to be done for them, our Superintendent put two good men, who can speak the language, at work among the Italians, last winter. For three or four months they visited from house to house, gathering a Sunday-school and holding

preaching services: but as there was no money, the work had to be abandoned. A lady missionary from Peniel Hall mission has continued the Sunday-school.

Plans have been made whereby three or four of our churches should "by their death glorify God." But so far they have failed to fulfill the fond expectations of those friends who had the obituaries all written. We trust that they will not "live at a poor dying rate." One of the hardest things to kill is a Congregational church.

The year has brought to our Superintendent his full quota of perplexities in adjusting men to fields and fields to men.

A man who weighs one hundred and fifty pounds on the earth would weigh only two pounds on the planet Mars and so would be liable to soar away like a bubble and burst; while placed on the sun he would weigh two tons and sink like lead into its hot marshes. Each man is too light for some places and too heavy for others and just right for some place, if our adjuster can only find it and fit him into it. "So the first shall be last and the last first; for many be called, but few are chosen."

It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the conscientious faithfulness of each member of the Home Missionary Committee.

DEXTER D. HILL, Chairman.

C.

SYNOPSIS OF EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF REV. H. P. CASE, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

I. *The National Work.* It is being done by forty Superintendents and Missionaries in nearly every State and Territory of the Union. The *call* for this work is the fact that there are 9,000,000 children of public school age not in Sunday-Schools. Our Society undertakes to do the Sunday-School missionary work due from the Congregational churches toward these Sunday-School-less millions, as well as to care for its own 750,000 that are enfolded.

During the past year it has organized about 500 new schools into which have been gathered over 25,000 children. It spent about $66,000 in that work of which $12,000 was in granted literature. The Publishing Department from its profits turned into the Missionary treasury $5,000. Inference: Loyal Congregational

ists will patronize their own Publishing House whose literature leads.

II. *The Southern California District.* A. It covers nine counties, with a school population of 60,682 scattered through six hundred school districts. Outside of the ten principal cities and towns are about 30,000 children in 590 school districts. In 250 of these are no Sunday-Schools, thus leaving 12,000 children without the systematic Bible-teaching of the Sunday-School. Prevalent everywhere are the evils of Sabbath desecration, profanity, intemperance, and worldliness. What manner of citizens of either *this* state or the world-to-come will these neglected ones become.

B. *The Work Done.* The past *nine* months, report is as follows:

New schools organized	17
Re-organized	3
Schools visited and aided	49
Schools granted literature	50
Cost of said grants	$200
Miles traveled by Superintendent	7,709
Office and traveling expenses	$221.70
Total Receipts from all sources in S. Cal.	$426.77

Besides these itemized statistics, we gladly report a large amount of practical sympathy and aid rendered to our work: the free use of conveyances, railroad favors, hospitable entertainment by friends and strangers, and best of all the willingness of local workers to aid in planting and sustaining the mission Sunday-School. I desire to make public mention of the fact that in most places the public school teacher has given important and often essential aid in starting a new Sunday-School in her district.

C.—*The Work that Waits to be done.*

First is the missionary work needed to give Sunday-School instruction to the 12,000 children who still are without the blessing. At least 200 more schools are needed to reach them. If the funds warranted it, another missionary could be well employed in Southern California. "Journeyings oft," patient labors, free literature, money expenditure, and the power of the Holy Spirit will be constantly required for this work during the year to come.

Second, is needed pastoral care for the sixty or more mission schools. It is the common observation of all Sunday School missionaries that for permanence the mission school must have pastoral care. The exceptions to this rule are not many. About one-half of your missionary's time is now required in this Sunday School pastoral work. Thanks to those pastors that enlarge the

orders of their parishes and take in one or more of our mission schools.

Third, is needed more cordial co-operation from our Congregational workers in this District. Grateful mention has been made, and we gladly repeat it, of the aid already received: but there should be more. From at least a score of our churches should come contributions to our Society. The Children's Day Sunday School offering is right; but let the church also "put us on the list." Why should not every Christian Endeavor Society do the same? Ours is the true "Missionary Extension" work. And surely, the Woman's Home Missionary Unions should be interested in saving their own and their neighbors' children. $25 plants and sustains a new Sunday School for a year. Who will invest?

Fourth. A word in regard to better equipment of our schools. Sunday-School libraries and literature of the highest quality are offered by our Society, and each of our church schools should obtain and make judicious use of them. Then as to the workers: Sunday-School Institutes and Normal Bible Studies in either separate or union meetings are a necessity to the best Sunday School work. A few of our schools are using them,—most are neglecting them. Sunday School committee in each District Association stands ready to give help along these lines; and the District Superintendent will give help when desired.

Probably the greatest need in all our Sunday-School work is a return of the conviction that the Book we teach in the Sunday School is the infallible Word of God; that it imparts the only knowledge able to make wise unto salvation; and that the thousands now untaught are as liable to perish eternally as are the unevangelized in Central Africa.

D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

PRESENTED BY REV. J. H. HARWOOD, D.D.

Your committee, appointed to confer with like committees of the other evangelical denominations in Southern California, beg leave to report that we have performed the service committed to us, and we herewith submit to you the result of our year's work. In the first place, we took in hand the plan adopted by the committee of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, at whose request our committee was appointed, and found a very carefully prepared

document, embodying a plan for an earnest effort to solve this great and vexed question, and secure effective work in the cause of temperance. The fault of the plan, if it be a fault, seemed to us to be that it, like most, if not all, modern plans of temperance reform, undertook to take temperance men out of their chosen political parties as the first step in temperance work. The Methodist brethren confessed that they had found it impossible to induce their members to take this step in any considerable numbers.

From our study of the subject, there appeared to be two great facts to be taken into consideration as encouragement and guide in any successful and effective plan of temperance work.

1. That there is a great amount of temperance sentiment in existence in this country and in nearly all parts of it. If you go into any ordinary American town or community, you find that the majority of the people are sober, industrious, honorable people. There are few who seem to be actually the friends of the saloons. One would infer from acquaintance with the people that the actual majority of the citizens of this nation are on the right side of this question. Some have said that if even the church members would be united and vigorous in their effort against the saloon, they could control public action in the matter. But the church members are not alone in desiring the overthrow of the saloon. There are thousands of other citizens who see its evil and desire its destruction.

2. The second fact is that very few of these temperance people have so far been brought into permanent membership in any temperance party. They are connected with other political parties, which they have not been ready to leave. The other parties have stood for something that they desire to support, or their association with the parties has become so much a habit with them that they have been unwilling to break away from them.

Putting these two facts together, we inferred that our plan, if effective, must devise some way by which we could bring temperance men together without interfering with their party relations. Consequently your committee set about trying to do these few things:

1. To form a plan that should commend itself, as far as it went, to all the friends of temperance.

2. To make the plan as simple and definite as possible; to ask, if possible, but one thing at a time, and to bring in no side issues of any kind, no matter how important they might seem to some or to many.

3. To make that one thing—one which all would agree to be

of vital importance—the fundamental point in the whole question, if possible.

4. To attach themselves organically to no existing organization, but to put themselves on such a platform that temperance people, of all classes and of all shades of opinion, could come together, without abandoning their own line of work, and unite in one common effort for the promotion of the cause which they all have at heart.

On this plan *the one thing* which they ask is *the closing of the drinking saloon*. There are so many corrupting accompaniments to the saloon, besides its own evil character, that it seems that all good citizens must certainly approve of this object of our organization. We do not therefore undertake to secure the enforcement of *present defective license laws*. Of course they ought to be enforced till we can do better. We do not seek to get *better* license laws. We leave these things to "law and order leagues;" but we propose to press on for *one thing, the overthrow of the saloon*. It may take us some time, but if our plan is well laid, and if we can inspire the confidence of temperance men, and induce their co-operation, we can ultimately triumph.

Our plan contemplates the organization of omni-partisan societies called

"ANTI SALOON LEAGUES."

A constitution has been prepared, with the most carefully outlined methods of procedure, and pledge-cards have been prepared as follows:

"While still reserving the right to act in all other matters with my own political party, I hereby give my name as a member of the———anti-saloon league, and pledge myself to vote for no man for a city or county office who will not pledge himself to do all he can legally for the overthrow of the drinking saloon."

There is a corresponding pledge for the candidates for office. Perfect arrangements are made to canvass the community in which the league is organized, and to inform the members of the league of the position of candidates at any election. The advantage of this plan in a temperance community is that it effects a permanent organization, which can be used at once in any time of need, so that the enormous effort does not need to be made over again every time a saloon forces itself upon the community; and besides, it enables temperance men to see that a sufficient number of others stand by their side in this pledge to make their vote effective in the right way. And last, it enables candidates and

officials to see that there is an organized temperance force which they cannot defy or disregard.

I should say that in working out this plan we have not wrought alone. Our report was by request presented at our Congregational ministers' meeting in Los Angeles, and then at the meeting of the Los Angeles Ministerial Union, by whom a representative committee was appointed, who took our work in hand and reviewed and corrected and adopted it. When their report was made to the Union, the plan was approved unanimously and adopted and the organization of Anti-Saloon Leagues on this basis recommended, and a Committee of Organization appointed, with one of our committee as superintendent of the work. And I may further say that the results so far seem to indicate the wisdom of the plan. At large mass-meetings it has already been repeatedly presented, with the gratifying result that nearly the whole voting membership of the assemblies have signed the cards, and the great majority of the signers have been members of the old political parties. Prohibitionists, also, have signed them almost unanimously. The Prohibition County Convention of Los Angeles county commended the plan without a dissenting vote.

The temperance men in the old political parties have often been obliged, if they voted for the party candidates, to vote for men whose sentiments, if not whose practices, have been, and whose official action would consequently be, contrary to the highest wishes and deepest convictions on the subject of temperance of the temperance voters. It is time for them to say that henceforth, when such men are nominated, they will to this extent refuse to ratify with their votes the party nominations. If they would do this, no party in this country could ignore the wishes of the temperance element in it and succeed; and no party would long continue to disregard the wishes of its temperance members. What we need, therefore, is to offer some plan by which the temperance voters in the old parties may come to an understanding with each other, and assert themselves. We believe we have such a plan in the "Anti-Saloon League."

At the first meeting in which the plan was publicly presented, the editor of the Democratic paper of the place was present, and he said: "I am a Democrat, but I will sign one of those cards, and I will work for temperance on that plan; and I believe that if that plan is pushed it will solve the question." At the same meeting the leading Republican in that part of the county said the same thing, except that he asserted as positively his Republican principles. In one of the meetings in the city of Los Angeles was the

ex-proprietor of one of the leading dailies of the city; he signed one of the cards, and also expressed himself as highly gratified with the plan, and confident of its success. The editor of perhaps the strongest Republican paper in the county, outside of the city of Los Angeles, is reported to have expressed himself in the same confident way about the feasibility and wisdom of the plan.

Brethren, we must remember that the times are changed. All the work of the past, by the W. C. T. U. and the Prohibition Party, by the public schools and the Sunday-schools of the land, by the earnest ministers of the gospel, and by the members of the various temperance organizations, has been educating the people. The tide has been rising. We cannot judge the present or the future by the past. It is time for us to say, and to see if we cannot make our word good, that the saloon shall cease to be one of the institutions of this Christian land and of this Christian day. When a captain of a great steamer believes that he is near the landing place, if it is in a dark night, when there is nothing in sight by which to decide, he keeps the mate constantly sending down the sounding line; and how significant are the announcements: "Six fathoms, sir"; "five fathoms, sir"; "four fathoms, sir"! The captain knows at once how it is going with the boat, and what the prospect of landing. Shall we not at least keep up our soundings and announce the results? It may be that we, all unconscious of the fact, are near the desired haven.

This is a great work. If we might offer to the world a plan that would, even in the places favorable for its operation, bring the wished-for result, next to the success of the gospel we should be doing the greatest work given to man to do in our day, and we should remove the greatest stumbling-block that exists in the way of the salvation of men and the kingdom of God. Brethren, we ask your prayerful consideration of the plan which we present, and your counsel with reference to its various features, and your co-operation in its workings, if it is wise and good: and may the God of all good for man guide us to some plan by which the great iniquity of the age may be effectually and finally overcome and banished from among men.

A Historical Sketch of the Beginning and Progress of Congregational Church-Work in Southern California.

Rev. James T. Ford.

Congregational churches were formed in Central California at San Francisco and Sacramento in 1849, and not long after in several mining towns in the gold region, but Southern California waited till eighteen years later for the advent of a church of our order. The gold migration, which brought to this State from New England and the New England zone, thousands of enterprising men trained under Congregational influence, did not come to Southern California. The Indians and the Mexicans who were still in the majority in this part of the State, had probably never even heard or conceived of a church governed through the votes of its members. The Mormon colony, which occupied the San Bernardino valley in the early fifties, regarded our free church polity with no favor. The migration which came hither from Missouri and Texas about the time of our Civil War, and swooped down upon our moist lands to raise corn and swine and carry the state for the Southern Confederacy, knew but little more of Congregationalism than the Mexican, and regarded it with no more favor than the Mormon.

Indeed, during this period of eighteen years from 1849 to 1867, Southern California was almost entirely destitute of organized Protestant influence. In 1865 Rev. Dr. Warren, Superintendent of Congregational Home Missions for California, made a tour of exploration through the southern part of the State. The following is from his report made that year to the Home Mission office in New York: "If you draw a line on the map from Monterey to the Sierra Nevada mountains, south of that line is a district, comprising about one-half of the entire state, in which there is but one Protestant minister and one Protestant house of worship. The country, in that region, is given up to darkness, Popery, Mormonism and almost complete destitution of religious privileges. And yet it is the best country on which the sun shines. The land belongs to Christ, and Christians have a duty to perform in converting it to Him, and no time should be lost."

Before Dr. Warren's visit a few sporadic efforts had been made by Protestant Christians to maintain religious instruction and

worship. One by one settlers had come to this region from almost every State in the Union. Some of them remembered church privileges left behind and longed to reproduce them here. Two or three Sunday-Schools, perhaps more, in widely separated places, were for a long time maintained. In 1854 Rev. Adam Bland, for many years a pioneer Methodist preacher in California, organized a church of six members in Santa Barbara and came to minister to it once a month for about a year; but two of the six members removed and the church ceased to exist. Ministers of different denominations had endeavored in vain to gain a permanent foothold in Los Angeles for Christian work. Among these was Rev. W. E. Boardman, author of the once famous book entitled "The Higher Christian Life."

When Dr. Warren reached Los Angeles in his tour of exploration he found there no Protestant minister, Sunday-School, or regular preaching service. Efforts put forth by the Episcopal Church had met with so much discouragement that an Episcopal layman informed Dr. Warren that the Gospel was not wanted in Los Angeles from any denomination; that to send a minister there would be to send him to be starved—would be an act of deliberate murder. It was, perhaps, in consequence of this admonition that the Congregational minister sent there the following year was instructed to say nothing about a salary, and was told that the people would soon come to see that he had rich relations behind him, and would respect him on their account, even if they did not respect the Gospel.

This minister, Rev. Alexander Parker, was the first Congregational Home Missionary sent to Southern California, and was at first wholly supported by the Home Missionary Society. He began his work in Los Angeles, July 7, 1866.

But the oldest Congregational Church in this part of the State was gathered at San Bernardino. In providential preparation for it there came to the place a Christian teacher, Mr. Ellison Robbins, who with his wife organized a Sabbath-School in the winter of 1858, which was maintained with increasing attendance until the death of Mr. Robbins in 1864. There came also in 1861 to make a home in the valley, Myron H. Crafts, a man zealously devoted to the principles of Congregationalism and well versed in its customs, who joined himself to the Sabbath-School, and was active in effort to secure for the place the benefits of a church and its ministry. The widow of Mr. Robbins became the wife of Mr. Crafts, and they together were leaders in the movement for a Congregational Church. As a result of their efforts, Rev. J. A.

Johnson began to preach in San Bernardino, July 11, 1866. His congregations, small at first, rapidly increased, and the people gathered around him with enthusiasm. At a meeting held November 11th, it was resolved to organize a church. A confession and covenant were adopted, and it was voted to perfect the organization the next Lord's day.

On the day appointed the minister and the candidates came together, and with them Rev. Mr. Parker of Los Angeles, who had been invited to assist in the services. But they were apprised that two Methodist ministers were expected there within a few days, with a view to the organization of a church. The meeting voted therefore to defer organization until they should have a fair conference with these Methodist brethren, but though some of them had come from Methodist churches, unanimously expressed their deliberate judgment that a Congregational Church would do a better work in the community at that time than a Methodist. The conference resulted in the departure of the Methodist brethren without attempt to organize. But when the proposed members came together December 2d to complete their organization, Mr. Johnson announced that he had decided for the health of his family to leave San Bernardino for work elsewhere. Surprised and discouraged by this announcement, they, as advised by him, resolved to defer organization until another minister should be obtained. The whole community was moved by Mr. Johnson's departure. They had crowded to his services, and had counted on great benefit to the town from his ministrations. Old residents, not church members, to this day deplore his departure as one of the saddest events in the history of the town, and say, if Mr. Johnson had remained its condition would have been greatly different. The final steps of church organization were not long delayed. The Home Mission Superintendent came to the rescue, assured them that another minister would be speedily supplied, and assisted in the complete organization of a church of ten members February 17, 1867.

The next permanent church organization was made at Santa Barbara, September 8, 1867, under the ministry of Rev. J. A. Johnson, who went thither from San Bernardino. After the departure of Rev. Adam Bland in 1855, no public religious services were held for several years; but in 1860 or '61, a Sabbath-School was organized in the Montecito school house. The Bible study was followed immediately by a service of prayer, testimony and exhortation; and thus without a minister, a few Christians of different denominational training maintained public worship until

the advent of Rev. Mr. Johnson, who began to preach at Santa Barbara in December, 1856. A Sabbath-School was immediately organized in connection with his preaching service, and the Montecito meeting was transferred to Santa Barbara and merged in the new Sabbath-School. The attendance and interest increased during the spring and summer of 1857, until finally on September 8th, sixteen persons entered into covenant with each other as the First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara. Two years later, while the county still continued to administer justice in its old adobe court house, this church began to erect a brick house of worship which cost $9000, and was dedicated free from debt May 29, 1870. It should be recorded as illustrating their spirit of Christian fellowship that, before they began to build a church for themselves, they sent a liberal collection to aid in building the first Congregational church erected in Los Angeles.

Though a Congregational home missionary was sent to Los Angeles earlier than to San Bernardino or Santa Barbara, his work resulted in no permanent organization. In July, 1857, about one year after his coming, he is said to have gathered a church of six members. He secured a lot on New High Street, nearly in the rear of what is now the St. Elmo Hotel, and mainly through his efforts a house of worship was erected upon it, and dedicated before the close of the same year. The work of Rev. Mr. Parker appears to have been beset with peculiar difficulties. He resigned his charge in August, 1868.

When, two months later, Rev. I. W. Atherton came as his successor he found a neat chapel, but no Sabbath-School, nor congregation. The six members of the church, so-called, were widely scattered, and four of them about to move elsewhere. He must gather Sunday-School, congregation and church anew. He found that the Lord had sent thither new helpers for the work. When these were gathered together to take account of the assets of the church, they could find no records or papers of any kind. Nothing of it was left, but its building and its debts. They organized the church which now exists November 28, 1868. The newly elected trustees hunted out the debts, and gave their individual notes to pay them. This act gave the church favor among the business men, and cleared the way for its permanent progress.

The Church in Ventura came as a colony from the South Park Church in San Francisco. It fell but little short of a migration of that church as a body. The colony took with it the pastor, Rev. M. B. Starr; a deacon, and a large part of the members. It came to Ventura near the close of 1867. The South Park Church had

reported in September, '67, twenty-five members. In September, '68, it reported only ten members and soon ceased to be. When the colony left San Francisco they were fitted out with a tent, settees and hymn books for preaching service. They pitched their tent at Saticoy, secured a vacant building in Ventura, and began preaching services in both places not far from the 1st of January, 1868. Mr. Starr's commission as Home Missionary was for a period beginning at that date. The formal adoption of a written covenant and confession of faith was delayed till November 21, 1869, but communion services were maintained from the beginning, Dea. Williams officiating as an accepted officer of the church. The Church is reported in our Year Book as having been organized in 1869. But it appears to have been, from the time it left San Francisco, as fully organized as was the Church of the Mayflower, or the Church at Jerusalem when the "Lord added to it daily such as should be saved."

Thus, within or near the year 1867, four churches were established in important centers, which have continued with increasing influence to this day. No other permanent church was organized during the first five years of our history in this part of the state.

Near the close of the year 1871, Rev. I. W. Atherton, failing in health, resigned his charge in Los Angeles, purchased a small piece of land in the new and promising settlement at Riverside and removed thither. He did not, however, propose to turn aside from his calling as a minister of the Gospel. He very soon began to preach in a rough temporary building used as a school house.

There were then about twenty families in the settlement, representing as many different shades of belief and disbelief. The dominant influence appeared to be unfavorable to a strictly evangelical church, and desirous of gathering all these different elements in a single organization of "Seekers after Truth," who should in one at least of the Sabbath services hold open parliament for free discussion of questions doctrinal and moral.

A Congregational church was, however, organized early in the year 1872. It reported that year seven members; the year following, ten members. Before the close of the first year through the energetic effort of pastor and people a house of worship had been erected. But the lines between the "evangelical" and "liberal" parties were sharply drawn, and pastor and church encountered persistent opposition. Reports reflecting upon the integrity of the pastor were scattered broadcast in the community. They appeared in public prints, and were sent to the Home Missionary Committees at New York and San Francisco with a view to secure the re-

moval of Mr. Atherton. At San Francisco a committee of investigation was appointed consisting Rev. Drs. Kitchell of Detroit, Hough of Santa Barbara and Warren of San Francisco, who came to Riverside and made careful inquiry into the merits of the charges against the pastor. Their published report indicates the nature of the charges, and the result of their inquiries concerning them. They say

"1. That they find Mr. Atherton guilty of 'bigotry'—in no other sense than that of firm and faithful adherence to evangelical truth.

"2. That his 'grossest falsehood' in his report to the American Home Missionary Society consists in pointedly declaring that to be infidelity which in the estimation and language of all evangelical Christians is called by that name;

"3. That the insinuations, which form the burden of most of these so-called charges, that Mr. Atherton schemed the burning of his own house with intent and attempt to profit by the charities he might thus elicit, are *wholly without foundation*.

"And the committee bear their testimony that in all their investigation no spot of suspicion, or shadow of dishonor rests upon the manhood or the Christian character of Mr. Atherton."

Not only his own church, but Christians of other evangelical affiliations dwelling there sympathized heartily with Mr. Atherton, and rejoiced in the verdict of the Committee.

No other church was added to our list until 1878, twelve years after our first home missionary began his work. The next five years witnessed three additions—Westminster, San Bernardino 2d, now Redlands 1st, and National City: only eight churches after a work of seventeen years. The membership of these churches during the same period increased but slowly: so difficult was it to overcome the prevailing indifference to all religious considerations. At the end of the first five years, the four churches then existing reported only 110 members. The church in Riverside at the end of its first five years reported, all told, only eleven members, and two of these non-resident. At the end of fifteen years the eight churches then existing reported 402 members, and at the end of seventeen years 590.

The amount of Home Mission aid granted to these early churches was so great as to seem at first glance an extravagant expenditure. The first five received before attaining self support $22 200. But these same churches report for the present year an aggregate membership of 1363; contributions for Home Missions

$1496. The large initial outlay has proved to be a good investment. It pays abundant interest.

In the year 1869, our churches when only four in number united to form the Southern California District Association. They were widely separated from one another along a line extending from East to West 150 miles. For several years there were no railroads to facilitate attendance at its meetings. But its records indicate that long distances and laborious travel did not hinder the gathering of the churches by pastors and delegates at their annual convocation, and that they came with a clear sense that they were doing a great work—laying foundations for an important future. In its Constitution adopted at its first meeting the Association made provision for the election of permanent Committees on Home Missions and Education. As early as its annual meeting in 1873, it made "the claims of Southern California and adjacent territories as a separate missionary field" its principal topic for discussion, and instructed its Committee on Home Missions to correspond with a view to information and action in this direction. But no such action was taken until ten years later, in 1883, when a General Missionary was appointed for Southern California.

In 1882 it passed a resolution looking to the establishment of a Christian academy, and the next year gave its Committee on Education full power to act in regard to propositions for the establishment of a Christian academy or college in Southern California.

At its annual meeting in 1887, eighteen years after its formation, in view of the rapid growth of this region, the increasing number of its churches, its pressing Home Missionary and Educational interests and its wide separation from Central and Northern California, it was decided to form a *General* Association of Southern California and to divide the original association into the Los Angeles and San Bernardino District Associations.

The new General Association acted immediately, giving full power to its Committee on Education not only to select a College site, but also to appoint trustees, and required them to take final action within thirty days. It also successfully urged the Home Missionary Society to make Southern California an independent district with a separate apportionment of aid.

The formation of the General Association, and its promptness of action, gave a new impetus to our work. There had been during the four previous years a gradual and increasingly rapid growth in the number and membership of our churches. The churches had increased from eight to twenty-one, and their membership from 590 to 1200. But the next five years witnessed an ad-

dition of 41 churches and nearly 3000 members, making on Jan. 1, 1892, sixty-two churches numbering 4175 members. Since that date our growth has been less rapid, mainly through lack of mission aid sufficient for the extension of our work: but thirteen churches have been added, making 75, with a membership of 5839.

In this remarkable church progress of the last few years, we cannot claim to have been favored above other Christian denominations. We have simply had part with them in a blessing from the Lord, transforming our Southern California in its moral and spiritual likeness as perhaps no other part of our country, so extensive, has ever been transformed in so short a time. A few facts should be put on record to illustrate this change.

Twenty years ago Los Angeles with an estimated population of 18,000 had only four Protestant houses of worship, and these together would seat comfortably not more than 1000 persons. The average attendance at all these churches, as estimated by competent observers, was not more than three hundred—seventy-five per church. Now, with an estimated population of 75,000 or 80,000 Los Angeles has more than 80 Protestant houses of worship; and it is certain that the average seating capacity and average attendance of these churches far exceed per church those of 20 years ago. So that while population has increased less than eight fold, Protestant religious influence, as measured by its church accommodations and church attendance, has increased more than three times seven fold —or with three times greater rapidity than the population of the city.

During the same period the inhabitants of the San Bernardino Valley have increased from 4,000 to about 16,000—a four fold ratio: but Protestant church buildings have increased from two to twenty-four—a twelve fold ratio, and church attendance has increased far more rapidly. Here too is manifest a growth of church influence three times more rapid than the growth of population. If statistics were collected for the whole coast region extending from Santa Barbara to San Diego and from the mountains to the sea, it may be fairly presumed they would show a like three fold advantage of church attendance in its race with our advancing population. As an indication that this is no vain presumption we find that while between 1880 and 1890 the increase of population in what was then our five Southern Counties was a little less than three fold, the increase in the membership of our Congregational churches within the same area was a little more than nine fold. A like ratio of increase was doubtless manifest in the records of churches of other denominations.

The marvellous change that has come over our region appears not only in statistics like the foregoing, but in the customs and the prevailing sentiment of the people. Until within fifteen years an immigrant to Southern California, though accustomed to church going would probably drift with the multitude away from the sanctuary: but now custom moves church-ward, and carries with it not only the former church goer, but often the former neglecter of the church. Then the closed store on the Lord's day was a singular exception to the general rule: now the open store is the exception. Then every grocer must furnish whiskey and wine for his customers, or, as he believed, forfeit his business: now treating to secure custom is a practice left so far back in the past as to be almost forgotten. Then a revival of religion moving a whole community was a thing rarely, if ever, heard of in Southern California. The people seemed so utterly indifferent to spiritual truth, so insensible of responsibility to God, so of the earth earthy, that the preaching of the word passed by them as the idle wind. But now crowds gather to hear the evangelist, and he finds a susceptibility to religious impression not exceeded in the most favored places of the East. Then church members were an unfashionable few—in many places not one to twenty of the people: now in several of our prominent towns more than one-third of the inhabitants are counted in the church lists. Public sentiment, which was then too tolerant of many forms of vice and crime, has become so far converted as to declare for whatsoever things are pure and true and honest and lovely and of good report, and to furnish a safeguard against open transgression of the moral law.

If we inquire to what this change is due, the most obvious answer is that the new immigration pouring in upon us from the East during the last few years has been largely a Christian immigration, and that it has come with such numbers as to overshadow and conquer and take possession of the land, substituting its own customs and spirit for the customs and spirit of the old California life. But there has been another factor to the desired result, less observed, though hardly less important. The Mission Boards and Church Extention societies of our several denominations of Christians were awake to the supreme need of the hour, and sent money without stint to help build churches and support ministers so that every new settlement might *begin* with the gospel. Had this been neglected, many of the settlements, left in their weak beginnings without aid, would have waited long for the church and the preacher; Satan's tares would have been planted first, and would have overtopped and shrivelled the wheat; the disastrous results o

the neglected gold immigration would have been in some measure repeated, and this region would have been largely left to its former license and earthliness But the missionary spirit of the Eastern churches conserving and promoting by its aid the missionary spirit of the new immigration and both quickened and blessed by the Holy Spirit of God have been working together to avert this result and "to make our Palestine a holy land.

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Summary of Reports from the Churches

Rev. J. R. Knodell.

About the first of August seven questions were sent out to each of our seventy-two churches. To half of them the work had to be repeated a month later. These questions were expected to draw forth all the necessary information from which to make this report. Vain expectation! The answers most frequently given, concerning Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor and pastoral relation were "yes," "no," "none." With respect to benevolences, simple figures were given—not a word added to show the missionary spirit in the churches.

The question most important of all, in the mind of the questioner, "Will you please give any additional items of interest?" was, in the majority of cases, utterly ignored. Perhaps some of this neglect was due to the form of the inquiry; but when the questions sent were accompanied by a letter stating that the information was asked in order to report the spiritual condition of the churches to the Association, it was hoped that the "items of interest" would not be completley disregarded.

1. We call attention first of all to the large number of changes in the "pastoral relation."

In our seventy-two churches there have been twenty-one of these changes during the year. Rev. H. M. Voorhees of Escondido, M. S. Phillips of Highland and E. R. Brainerd of Rialto and Bloomington, have been laid aside on account of sickness. The first two will likely never again preach the gospel they so much love, and in which they have long been faithful workers. May the Lord comfort them as they wait and listen for the dipping oar that shall soon ferry them over to the land of eternal strength.

There have come into our Associational fellowship during the year quite a number of good men. These are most cordially wel-

come. They have already found places and are making their influence for good felt in their several fields, as well as more generally among us. These are Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., who comes to the First church in Los Angeles from Ottawa, Ill.; Rev. W. H. Lathe, to the First church in Pasadena from Massachusetts; Rev. W. W. Madge, to the San Luis Obispo church, from Petaluma, Cal.; Rev. S. C. Kendall, to the Long Beach church, from the Canadian Methodist Church; Rev. W. A. McGinley, to the First church in Chula Vista, from Shrewsbury, Mass.; Rev Alex. Douglass, to the Dehesa church; and Rev. J. H. Cooper, to the First church in Santa Ana, from Andover, Ohio. May the Lord prosper their work among us.

At the time of making this report the following churches are pastorless: Escondido, San Miguel, Paso Robles, San Jacinto, Vernondale, and Olivet in Los Angeles. Some of these have already opened correspondence looking to the settlement of pastors, while still others are soon to take their place on the list of "pastorless."

When will our churches learn to bear more patiently with their pastors, and pastors learn that much real power for Christ is lost by frequent changes of parish?

The San Diego First church made more sure of their pastor, whom they love so greatly, by calling an installing council, and thus adding to the bonds of love that already bind him to them, cords of ecclesiastical manufacture.

2. From the figures reported we note the following as to church membership—

A total of eight hundred and sixty-two souls has been added to the church membership roll.

The First church, Los Angeles, received the largest absolute additions, but Villa Park the largest proportionate increase.

South Riverside reports the argest absolute and proportionate number on confession of faith

A new church was organized at Alessandro, an out-station of Brother Emerson's church at Moreno. Thirteen persons covenanted on that new field to work and worship together. God grant them great faith, that they may have large success.

3. If the spirit of benevolence be an indication of spirituality of life, then our churches surely stand high spiritually, for the year's report speaks well for us in regard to giving.

Notwithstanding the hard times—and the times *are* hard, cutting down in some places the already small salary of the pastors, and reducing in other places the necessary expenses of home management—notwithstanding, I say, all this, the gifts for missionary

work have not been reduced. On the contrary, some churches have even done better than the year before. Says one brother (explaining why the benevolent contributions of his church were not larger): "New ranching districts have but little money passing through the hands of their people on which there are not business claims." While but one man has said this, there are many in our churches who have the very best of reasons for knowing the statement is true. Still, almost all give; and if the amounts from some are small, yet the very giving of any amount, for work outside their own community, shows that the Master's parting injunction, "Preach the gospel to every creature," is not forgotten, only larger ability is lacking to obey more grandly.

To save time we must consider the Christian Endeavor Societies and the Sunday-schools together. How wonderfully God is blessing our churches through the Christian Endeavor Societies! Who would ever have guessed when that tiny spark was lighted in Portland, Maine, that our Father had in it such a gracious instrumentality for the unifying of Christians and the evangelizing of our land! Behold what great things God has wrought!

While this new instrumentality is doing so much good work, the Sunday-schools have not grown less needful or useful, but are moving forward in their work. Never, perhaps, was there so much earnest and effective Bible-study being done in our parishes as now. These two branches of Christian effort are reported as doing grandly in our midst.

Such words as "good," "active," "improving," "flourishing," are used to indicate spiritual conditions attained, and to sum up the effectiveness of the consecrated effort put forth.

Says one, "Our Sunday-school is the door to the church." Of the Christian Endeavor Society one testifies, "It is always ready to take charge of our evening service if our pastor is called away." Another says, "Our Christian Endeavor Society has a fruit gathering instinct;" still another, "A most valuable aid in carrying on the church's work;" another still, "A tower of strength to the pastor and church."

These testimonies (and they might be multiplied indefinitely) show that not only is there effort, but genuine success in these departments of work. They are valuable aids during revival meetings, and in every instance are rewarded by increase of members and spiritual power. In many instances they are the first part of the church to prepare for aggressive work. One pastor records this fact as follows: "Our Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society are now well equipped for the fall campaign." Then there

are fields where a sectarian "holiness" is preached, dividing the church and always retarding God's work. In such fields the Sunday-schools and the Christian Endeavor Societies alone stand the shock, and become rallying points for future work.

More than one pastor reports, "Our Sunday-school is bigger and better than ever before." "Growth in both departments" comes from more than one field: and the Los Angeles First is not the only church in which the Christian Endeavor and Sunday-school have canvassed its territory preparatory to a larger work. One pastor says: "There is not a child in our district old enough that is not in our Sunday-school."

Once in a while there sounds out a note of discouragement. Says the pastor of one of our small churches: "Our Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor work run hard." Says another: "We dissolved our Christian Endeavor, and it is even hard to find teachers for our Sunday-school." We wonder if the disbanding of one explains the lack of workers in the other?

One popular coast-resort reports, "No Sunday-school; no Christian Endeavor." Both these institutions would thrive grandly in that community and would do good work, at least in the summer months when so many Sunday-school scholars and teachers and also Christian Endeavorers, visit the place. Doubtless the new pastor who has taken up the work will remedy this lack very soon.

It seems strange that any community having a church organization should lack in material out of which to form and with which to support a Christian Endeavor Society; yet so report the workers on one of our fields. One of our youngest churches is forced to report, "Decreased attendance at Sunday-school," because of "removals from the community." This is, we hope, a temporary trouble only, which the young blood and earnest effort of that church will soon remedy.

It must not be overlooked, because it is a favorable symptom in our Sunday-schools, that so large a number are either getting new libraries or adding materially to those already possessed.

All these things considered, we are ready for the announcement that the number joining the churches from the Christian Endeavor societies and the Sunday-schools is growing constantly larger. God bless these channels of grace in and to our churches, even more abundantly still.

A man's prosperity is often first apparent to his neighbors in the enlarging and beautifying of his dwelling-place. Judged in the same way, many of our churches are prospering.

The number of new buildings reared this year is not great,

but an improvement by paint, paper, gardening and debt-paying is reported from many places.

Rialto has made some slight improvement in the church building. Redlands First has enlarged its grounds by the purchase of an adjoining lot. Sierra Madre has painted its building. Some changes have been made in the interior of the Highland church. Minor repairs at Mentone both to church-building and parsonage. The grounds round the Moreno church have been greatly improved. Repairs at Westminster have been made at a slight cost. The pastor of the Ventura church says: "The ladies have made the desert heretofore surrounding our church to blossom like the rose." The Los Angeles First has had the exterior of its large building painted. San Jacinto has expended money on paint for its building. Perris church, like the king's daughters spoken of in Psa. xlv: 13, has been made "all glorious within" by paper, paint and varnish, and is now "one of the neatest and prettiest of our churches."

Debt-paying has not been forgotten. Among those either extinguishing altogether, or reducing their debt, is the Los Angeles First, which raised and paid $6,000. Ontario reduced its indebtedness $200. Mentone paid a debt of $100. Rosedale cuts down her debt $200. Buena Park has put out the baleful sight of a small debt it has been carrying.

There is music in the air. Several of our churches have purchased organs with which to aid in the service of praise. Sierra Madre has a new and beautiful instrument, so sweet that even Christian fellowship is made sweeter by it. San Luis Obispo rejoices in a new organ. San Bernardino First has bought and paid for a large organ during the year. But Los Angeles First outsteps all, a good member of that church having made a present of $7,000 with which to buy a pipe-organ. The organ is now being built in the East, and will be in place for use in Christmas chimes.

Santa Monica is struggling with its new building begun in '94, and otherwise improving its property. At the end of its report are two significant words underlined, "*Help needed.*"

Villa Park is raising money preparatory to adding to its church-building for Sunday-school purposes. Etiwanda is laboring to obtain money to erect a much-needed church-building. However, unless raisins are higher than at present, they despair of raising their subscriptions to the size necessary to build a house this year. A new building has been erected at Poso, and a new parsonage secured at Compton, the latter costing $650.

While these things are evidences of prosperity, we must not

close until we speak of the more direct *evidences of spirituality* in our churches.

East Los Angeles church, Brother D. D. Hill's, had a revival early in the winter, adding to their numbers and spiritual power. Pomona's spirit of worship more than comfortably fills her lately-enlarged audience-room. Poway Congregational Christians unite with all the other good forces of the community to drive out the saloon-curse, and have succeeded in doing it. The Bethlehem church in Los Angeles is spiritually active in her many ways of Christian life. They are seeking to do good as they have opportunity to all the many classes their unique field brings within their reach. Some churches, like Encinitas, lament a depletion of numbers by removal from the community of many families. Some confess a lack of spirituality, like Dehesa. South Riverside reports an increased attendance and interest in the things of God since her blessed time of refreshing early in the year. A thing worthy of remark, even here in the midst of this history of the churches, is the fact reported from South Riverside of the union, on confession of faith in Christ, of an old man 85 years of age.

Ventura reports increased missionary interest. Moreno is in good spiritual condition, and is greatly blessed in a band of efficient and consecrated women-workers. Santa Monica's pastor says, "Ours is a good kind of a church to be pastor of, because it is hopeful and spiritual." One pastor (Longfellow) says: "Our attendance has not declined during the hot months." He considers that a proof of spirituality. San Bernardino First holds on its way, winning a place in the community, and adding to its numbers.

From one of our smaller churches (Jamul) comes a saddening report: "No growth in the place. Nearly all the people are in debt. Crops poor. Not much to sell, and prices low for that. Some have moved away. Others a good deal blue."

"Depletion of members," reports San Miguel, "makes an aggressive work almost impossible." The great Napoleon is said to have stricken the word "impossible" out of his vocabulary. Did not a greater than Napoleon, even Christ, strike out that same word for all those who are working with God? "With God all things are possible."

San Bernardino Bethel has about given up: no regular preaching since Rev. Geo. Binder left the field in the Spring. The only service now being held is an afternoon Sunday-school. There is there still, however, a very needy field.

North Pasadena has to ask the question (but in a better sense than the rich man in the parable), "Where shall we bestow our

goods?" The congregations are growing much too large for their audience-room. Such riches will surely call down God's blessing.

In many of our communities our churches have trouble with alcoholic drinks, but the Mentone brethren find water their disturbing element—water-litigation their greatest foe.

Spring Valley suffered by removals and financial difficulties. From Alpine comes the word: "I am sure the Lord is blessing the work here." Under their new pastor the Compton church hopes to reap the fruit of all past labors; the congregations are improving already. The Escondido church recognizes its great responsibility for its constantly enlarging field, and notwithstanding the loss of a greatly beloved pastor, it is planning for aggressive work under the leadership of Rev. A. B. White, who has just accepted their call to become their pastor.

While the Highland church turns with the spirit of hope and helpfulness to their new pastor, they have not forgotten the old one laid aside by sickness. Though not strong financially, and having all the usual burdens of church support to carry, this Highland church raised among themselves and paid to Brother M. S. Phillips $156 to help care for him and his family in their great need. "The Lord will reward them in that day."

Brother E. E. P. Abbott's double parish of Sierra Madre and Monrovia has prospered during the year. Special meetings were held in both churches with good results. A fellowship-meeting at Sierra Madre a few weeks ago gave most delightful spiritual pleasure and profit to those attending, and demonstrated the value of the work being done on that large field.

Santa Ana's pastor says, "Our best report is the development of a more thorough spiritual life and harmony in the church."

The Eagle Rock church is praying for a revival. May the Lord of all grace grant their prayer.

Special services for four days, under Evangelist Pratt, at Ontario, helped the church much; but the dividing of the field by a sister church has retarded the work somewhat. Ontario is reported by Brother Tracy as a "well-churched community."

When the reports were gathered from the churches, Vernondale was in the midst of a spiritual awakening, under the leadership of Evangelist D. H. Reid. They want a pastor next, but are not likely to wait long, as they have already eight applicants for the place.

Park church of Los Angeles has had an encouraging year. This was their first attempt at self-support. The struggle has been hard, but has also been successful. Special services in this church

held under the direction of Evangelist Mason of the Pacific Gospel Union Mission and Evangelist D. H. Reid from San Francisco. Both series gave opportunity for the promised outpouring of God's Spirit in precious power, bringing salvation. If water burdens the Mentone church, oil is Brother Hendry's trouble.

But time would fail to tell of all the blessings that our churches have received from a loving Lord.

Nor should we forget that in many places where there have been no apparent result in outward prosperity or spiritual quickening, much faithful preaching has been done and much self-sacrifice has been made. Our Father has this year withheld the promised blessing that He may the more richly bless in the years to come.

It has been a blessed privilege, brethren, to collate and present to you some of the many manifestations of God's grace among us. Let this goodness lead us to higher service and a more complete consecration, that thus we may give God opportunity to grant us larger gifts in the year before us.

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IN MEMORIAM.

REV. CHARLES BURT SHELDON, a member of this Association, died of pneumonia suddenly on Saturday, September 21st, at the age of 73 years and 9 months. His decease occurred on the Santa Fè train near Las Vegas, New Mexico, while Mr. Sheldon and his wife were returning from the East, where they had spent several weeks in visiting relatives and friends in their former fields of labor. The remains were brought to the home at North Pomona, and the funeral service was held in the Congregational church, Professor C. B. Sumner and Professor D. H. Colcord officiating in the absence of the pastor.

Mr. Sheldon was born in Williamstown, Mass., December 18, 1821. He was the son of Noah and Lydia Smedley Sheldon. His father was a clergyman, being pastor of the church in Lanesboro, and afterward master of a private school for boys in Stockbridge. In these two towns young Sheldon spent his boyhood. He pursued his preparatory studies largely under private instruction, and taught somewhat before entering college. Taking the full course at Williams, he graduated from that institution with honors in 1847. Going immediately to Hudson, Ohio, he there completed his theological course in 1850. For three years he was pastor of

the Congregational church in Republic, Ohio. He then removed to Excelsior, Minn., where, as a pastor of the Congregational church, he served a ministry of thirty years, retaining to the last the confidence and affection of his people to a remarkable degree.

By reason of ill health, Mr. Sheldon removed to Southern California in 1884. He was acting pastor of the Ventura church one year, and also had charge of the Third church, Los Angeles, for a time. During the remaining years he resided in his beautiful home at North Pomona. He was among those who labored most actively for the founding of Pomona College, being the first treasurer, and for several years a trustee of that institution. He was a most loyal friend and liberal giver to the College. One of his last acts before going East was the making of a generous gift to meet its current expenses.

Most manifestly our brother was a man of God. To those who knew him best he always seemed to be an Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile. He evidently had great nearness to the throne of grace in prayer. He walked with God. He was a gentle man. He caused us often to think of that disciple whom Jesus loved. To a marked degree, his was a catholic mind. He loved the truth; he searched for it. For a man of his age, he was singularly taken up with all the great world-movements of the day in which he lived. During his last absence from home, he sent back to a son an urgent counsel to study the silver question exhaustively. He was a lover of his country. He was a lover of his race. All that he possessed he held as a trust. For many years he gave for the spread of the gospel more than a tenth of his income. He was deeply engaged in the temperance reform. He had a passionate love for missions at home and abroad. One of his daughters is a devoted and honored missionary in India. By his unaided gifts he has supported several native preachers in that land. During his recent visit to the fields of his former labors, he was very busy preaching the glad tidings in pulpits and from house to house. In his last writing—a message sent to a daughter when midway on his journey back to the home which he was not to see—he said: "We are well and happy. I am trying to sow a little good seed by the wayside." And so, without a struggle, without a sign, in great joy and perfect peace, he fell on sleep. He was not, for God took him. His memory is precious. His path is like the shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

REV. HENRY M. VOORHEES died at Claremont Nov. 20, 1895. He came to Southern California from New Jersey in 1893 seeking,

by change of climate, for renewed vigor and a prolonged life of Christian service. He immediately became pastor of the church in Escondido, and entered upon the work not as an invalid, but with the energy and efficiency of a man in full health and strength. He did not confine his work to his study and pulpit, but was abundant in pastoral and missionary labors. He was strenuous in his endeavors to evangelize the whole extensive field of which his church was the center. No other church on our list had so many outlying Sunday-schools as his. It was greatly prospered under his ministry, increasing in members, in unity of effort and in its power for good in the community. All his previous ministry had been in connection with another denomination—The Reformed, formerly called Dutch Reformed Church—and to that Church he gave a whole-hearted, devoted service. But when the Lord by his Providence led him away from the field of that Church and opened to him a door of usefulness in the Congregational ministry, he entered it with a no less hearty and loyal consecration to its work. No minister born in our fold seemed more zealous than he for the prosperity of our Congregational church-work.

As he grew weaker through the progress of his disease he still labored right on, when others would have put off the harness: he even planned for the enlargement of his work by the addition of new Sunday-schools and preaching-stations. But the Lord had planned for him a higher work. No longer able to fulfil his ministry at Escondido, he resigned his charge and retired for rest to Claremont, where a son and daughter were connected with the college, but only to wait there a few weeks. The call to come up higher came sooner than most of his friends expected, for his strength of purpose had given him a semblance of vigor when the forces of life were almost entirely wasted.

He was born at White House, Hunterdon county, N. J., July 4, 1840; graduated from Rutgers College in 1859 and from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1863. He was married March 21, 1865 to Miss Lillie H. Elliot of Philadelphia. He held important pastorates in the Reformed Church in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The following are estimates given of his character and of his work there and here by those who knew him well:

"As a sermonizer and preacher he was far above the ordinary. His sermons were prepared with care, and delivered in a manner which impressed his hearers that he was seeking their highest good and God's greatest glory. As a pastor he entered into the

very life of his parishioners, making their joys and their sorrows his own, ministering alike to rich and poor."

"He was a man who had never learned, and from his peculiar constitution never could learn, the art of resting. Even his recreation was entered into so heartily that it almost took the place of work. That disposition led him, if possible, to double his energies as disease wast d his strength."

"His ministry has been eminently successful in the truest sense of that word. Large results from his labors abide to prove the wisdom and faithfulness of his services. He was a man of God, one who lived and wrought, not to build up himself, but that he might glorify God. A devoted wife and three children are left to treasure the rich inheritance given them by a life of singular devotion, simplicity, sweetness and power."

Constitution of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California.

1. The name of the organization is: "The Congregational Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California."

2. The object of this Society is to aid needy Congregational Ministers, and also the families of deceased ministers not otherwise provided for. The Society shall also endeavor to secure gifts of land and money for the above object, and also gifts of land and money for the establishment and maintenance of a Ministers' Home.

3. The contribution of one dollar annually shall constitute any member of a Congregational Church a member of this Society. An annual contribution from any church shall entitle such church to membership. Twenty dollars contributed at one time shall constitute a life-membership.

4. The business of the Society shall be transacted, and all its property held by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, such Directors to be elected by and from the members of the Society upon nomination by the General Association of Southern California.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held each year on the last day of the meeting of the General Association.

The Directors shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

5. The Directors shall keep a full record of their proceedings, and shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of the Society.

6. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting,

due notice of the proposed change having been given at least one month previously.

7. Such By-Laws may be adopted by the Society or by the Directors as may be deemed important to carry out the object of the Society.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

At the annual meeting of this Association held May 14, 1890, the following was reported as a suitable course of study for ministers who have entered the work without Seminary theological training.

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History.....Wm. Smith, LL. D.
2. Introduction to Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.
3. Logic.....W. S. Jevons.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.
5. Church Polity.....Dexter or Ross.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament History.....Wm. Smith, LL. D.
2. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.
3. Psychology.....Noah Porter, D. D.
4. Homiletics.....Prof. A. Phelps or F. W. Fisk.
5. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology.....Prof. H. B. Smith, D. D.
2. Christian Ethics.....Calderwood.
3. Rhetoric.....A. S. Hill.
4. Church History (Reading).....Geo. P. Fisher, D. D.

It was voted that this report be adopted, and that we recommend to councils for ordination that candidates who have not taken a complete theological course of study be requested to complete the course arranged by this Committee, or its equivalent, before ordination.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION—Organized May 7, 1886.

REGISTRAR—Rev. Thomas Hendry, 1337 Omaha St., Los Angeles.

CHURCHES—Avalon, Bakersfield, Buena Park, Claremont, Compton, Eagle Rock, Hyde Park, Long Beach; Los Angeles

First, Park, Third, East, Plymouth, Olivet, West End and Bethlehem; Monrovia, Nordhoff, Pasadena First and North, Pico Heights, Pomona, Poso, Redondo Beach, Rosedale, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Saticoy, Sierra Madre, Ventura, Vernondale, Villa Park, Westminster, Whittier, Fremontville.

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Met at C aremont, May 9, 1894: Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Moderator; Rev. Geo. H. DeKay, Scribe. Subjects discussed: "The Prohibition Church," by Rev. Geo. H. DeKay; "The Church and Intemperance," Rev. F. F. Pearse; "What is Christian Dealing with the Tramp?" Rev. S. Bristol; "Prof. Herron's Christian State," D. P. Barrows; "The Sunday-School"—(1st) In Instruction, Prof. A. L. Hamilton, (2d) In Spiritual Power, D. A. Judd, (3d) Primary Department, Miss E. E. Davis, (4th); "The Best Hour," Rev. H. T. Staats; "Sensational Literature," Rev. John A. Milligan; Woman's Missionary Work, Rev. Dr. Pease, Mrs. Pease; "The College, Pomona," Mrs. Sarah B. Ford, Prof. F. P. Brackett, David P. Barrows, Rev. L. H. Frary, Prof. E. C. Norton, Pres. C. G. Baldwin; "The Vicinage Problem", Rev. H. P. Case, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. D. D. Hill; "Ministerial Relief," J. E. Janes, M. D.; "Led by the Spirit," Rev. S. Bristol; "Progressive Church Work," Miss P. E. Spalding, Rev. J J. Findlay, Rev. Thos. Hendry.

Next meeting at Santa Ana, May 12th and 13th 1896.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION—Organized May, 1887.

REGISTRAR—Rev. J. R. Knodell, San Bernardino.

CHURCHES—Alessandro, Daggett, Etiwanda, Halleck, Hesperia, Highland, Mentone, Moreno, Ontario, Perris, Redlands First and Lugonia Terrace, Rialto, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Jacinto, South Riverside.

MINISTERS—L. N. Barber, W. N. Burr, C. H. Davis, S. G. Emerson, H W. Houlding, T. C. Hunt, J. Spencer Jewell, E. Russell King, J. R. Knodell, W. C. Merrill, A. L. Park, Milton S. Phillips, Geo. Robertson, O. H Spoor, A. W. Thompson, A. E. Tracy, E. B. Tuthill, J. H. Williams, W. H. Wolcott.

Met at San Bernardino, May 7, 1895: Rev. J. S. Jewell, Moderator; Rev. S. G. Emerson, Scribe. Subjects discussed, "Christian Citizenship," by Rev. T. C. Hunt and Dea. S. H. Barrett; "What Constitutes an Opening for a New Church," by Rev. C. H. Davis; "Should Congregationalists enter only Such Fields as are not held by other Denominations?" Rev. J. R. Knodell; "When first in our Home Missionary Work, should be felt the Reduction in times of Financial Stringency?" Rev. J. S. Jewell, "The Holy Spirit," Rev. A. J. Frost, Rev. M. S. Phillips, Rev. O. H. Spoor, Rev. J. H. Williams; "Kidd's Social Evolution," Rev. Geo. Robertson; "The College," Pres. C. G. Baldwin; Sermon, Rev. A. E. Tracy.

Next meeting at Mentone, May 5th and 6th, 1896.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION—Organized April 30, 1895.

REGISTRAR—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

CHURCHES—Alpine, Chula Vista, Dehesa, De Luz, Encinitas Escondido, Flinn Valley, Jamul, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego First and Second, Spring Valley.

MINISTERS—Henry C. Abernethy, Isaac W. Atherton, F. A. Bissell, Alanson Bixby, Henry M. Daniels, T. R. Earl, Geo. S. Hall, Stephen A. Norton, John D. Parker, Fayette M. Platt, J. A. Rogers, C. M. Schwarzauer.

Met at San Diego, April 30 and May 1, 1895: Rev. H. C. Abernethy, Moderator; Rev. F. A. Bissell, Scribe. Subjects discussed: "*Mission of Our Association*"—1. *In Promoting Fellowship*, Rev. J. A. Rogers. 2. *In Promoting the Life and Home Work of Our Churches*, Mrs. F. W. Sturges. 3. *In Promoting the Co-operative Work of Our Churches*, Rev. H. C. Abernethy; "*Our Sunday-Schools*," Rev. H. P. Case; "*Home Missions*," Rev Jas. T. Ford; *Sermon*, Rev. I. W. Atherton; "*A Living Church*"—1. The Preaching it needs, Rev. F. A. Bissell; 2. Its Membership, Dea. Geo. P. Hall; 3. Its Organization, Rev. H. M. Voorhees; 4. The Sources of its Power, Rev. J. L. Pearson.

Next meeting at Escondido, at the call of Moderator and Registrar.

COUNCILS

HELD DURING THE YEAR 1895.

APRIL 3.—Called to meet at Fremontville to assist, if thought best, in the organization of a Congregational Church in that place. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. F. N. Merriam, Scribe. Resulted in the proposed organization. Public services: Sermon, Rev. J. T. Ford; Reception of members and prayer, Rev. F. N. Merriam; Fellowship of the churches, Rev. Richard Pratt; Address to the church, Rev. S. Bristol.

JUNE 24.—Called to meet at Alessandro to consider and act upon the organization of a church in that place. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. W. N. Burr, Scribe. Resulted in organization. Public services: Introductory address, by the Moderator; Reception of members by the pastor, Rev. S. G. Emerson; The fellowship of the churches, Rev. W. N. Burr; Address to the church, Rev. T. C. Hunt.

JUNE 29.—Called to meet at Redondo Beach to act upon the recognition of a church formed there Dec. 31, 1894. Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Moderator; Rev. J. J. Findlay, Scribe. Resulted in the recognition of the church. Public services: Prayer of Recognition, Rev. J. T. Ford; The fellowship of the churches, Rev E. E. P. Abbott; Charge to the church, Rev. H. W. Lathe.

OCTOBER 29.—Called to meet at La Mesa to act upon the recognition of a church already organized there. Rev. I. W. Atherton, Moderator; Rev. F. A. Bissell, Scribe. Resulted in the recognition of the church. Public exercises: Prayer of recognition, Rev. I. W. Atherton; Fellowship of the churches, Rev. F. A. Bissell; Charge to the church, Rev. J. A. Rogers.

NOV. 18.—Called by the Bethel Congregational Church, San Bernardino, to advise with reference to the disbanding of said church. Rev. Geo. Robertson, Moderator; Rev. W. N. Burr, Scribe. The Council, in view of a long continued want of harmony in the church, its dwindling numbers and the present inability of its members suitably to carry forward the work required in the field, advised that the church, after a suitable disposition of its property, give letters to its remaining members, and thus disband, and that the work in that field be commended to the charge of the First Church of San Bernardino.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1895.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS		MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED			BAPT	
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma	Fe.	To.	Ab	C.	L.	To.	De	L.	Dc.	To.	Ad	Inf.
Alessandro	'95	Miss E. D Miller, Armada	Stephen G. Emerson, P	'91	'93	7	12	19	0	7	12	19	0	0	0	0	1	0
Alpine	'94	Miss Lottie E. Snow	John A. Rogers, P	'90	'93	14	15	29	4	8	2	10	0	1	3	4	1	3
Avalon	'89	Joseph Stamford	Ewing O. Tade, P	'64	'94	11	13	24	6	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	0
Bakersfield	'92	Robert S. Hale	John W. Phillips, P	'92	'93	14	31	45	15	4	5	9	2	7	0	9	0	0
Ballena	'89	Charles A. Lumsden																
Bloomington	'92	L. H. Snodgrass	Allen Hastings, P C	'91	'95	19	29	48	18	5	3	8	0	9	0	9	2	0
Buena Park	'88	Richard C. Archibald	George Willett, P	'78	'94	13	21	34	5	0	2	2	0	10	0	10	0	0
Chula Vista	'90	L. W. Goff	Wm. A. McGinley, P	'59	'95	20	30	50	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	'91	Miss Frances Billings	Henry W Jones, P	'66	'93	50	53	103	27	3	19	22	0	3	0	3	0	0
Compton	'88	Clark S. Hazeltine	Sheldon H. Wheeler, P	'75	'95	23	35	58	8	0	6	6	1	16	0	17	0	0
Daggett	'94	Mrs Mary Igo	Leman N. Barber, P	'72	'95	1	4	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Dehesa	'85	Mrs. J. B. Rose	Alexander Douglass, P	'82	'95	8	10	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DeLuz	'89	Fred H. Orvis	Henry M. Daniels, P	'61	'89	4	4	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eagle Rock	'86	Mrs. W Seaman, Garvanza	David Lloyd Jenkins, P	'68	'95	10	13	23	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Encinitas	'90	Mrs. F. P. Nichols	John I. Pearson, Lic		'93	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0
Escondido	'86	Mrs. F. N. Baldridge	Austin B. White, P	'61	'95	50	81	131	12	2	30	50	2	8	0	10	6	1
Etiwanda	'93	Robert Hickcox	Charles H. Davis, P	'77	'95	7	11	18	3	0	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	0
Flinn Valley	'92	John W White, Lakeside	John A. Rogers, P	'90	'92	7	8	15	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		
Halleck	'84	Mrs Sarah A. Morgan	J. Auchinachie (Plym'th Br)			5	5	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	0
Hesperia	'93	Wm. M. Meadows				5	2	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland (Messina)	84	F. L. Cram, East Highland	F Russell King, P		'94	'95	40	66	112	..	8	1	9	1	4	0	5	8	2
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B Clark	John M Schaelle, P		'87	'90	3	10	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jamul	'88	Mrs. C. A Sheldon, Helix	Isaac W. Atherton, P		'59	'91	8	8	16	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
La Mesa	'95	Mrs. Emily L. Dillman	Theophilus K. Earl, P		'79	'95	5	11	16	0	4	12	16	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lemon Grove	'94	Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix	Isaac W. Atherton, P		'59	'93	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Long Beach	'88	Laurence Byrns	Sydney C. Kendall (C.Meth)		'83	'95	8	23	31	4	1	0	1	0	2	16	18	0	0
Los Angeles, First	'67	Wm. R. Blackman	Warren F. Day, P		'66	'94	202	313	515	35	20	86	106	6	16	0	22	11	8
" Park	'84	J. R. Home	Thomas Hendry, P		'91	'91	44	97	141	17	20	14	34	0	18	8	26	0	2
" Third	'85	John W. Ruckman	Franklin F Pearse, P		'83	'95	23	43	66	30	0	3	3	0	3	25	28	....	3
" East Stat on A	'87	Miss S. M. Jaco us	Dexter D. Hill, P		'69	'94	69	108	177	34	7	18	25	3	6	4	13	7	1
" Plymouth	'88	E. C. Cook	Nicholas T. Edwards, P		'83	'96	25	58	83	5	1	5	6	2	12	0	14	1	1
" West End, Sta. E.	'88	James Travis	George Morris, P		'60	'93	14	31	45	5	1	6	7	0	2	0	2	1	8
" Olivet	'89	Joseph A. Kerr	George W. Henning, P		'65	'95	14	25	39	1	0	12	12	0	19	0	19	3	0
" Bethlehem	'92	Malcolm McKenzie	John J. Findlay, P		'93	'94	29	55	84	6	7	9	16	0	5	1	6	2	2
" Cent'l Av., Sta. S.	'95	Miss Minnie J. Borst	Charles S Vaile, P		'82	'95	7	18	25	0	3	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mentone	'92	Archie Shearer	George Robertson, P		'83	'93	20	35	55	13	2	5	7	0	1	0	1	0	2
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Belle V. Bent	Ephraim K. P. Abbott, P		'68	'92	18	32	50	16	4	0	4	0	0	3	3	2	0
Moreno	'91	Frank E. Leavitt	Stephen G Emerson, P		'90	'93	38	40	78	10	7	5	12	0	7	0	7	4	3

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Pasadena, First	'85	Dea. George A. Green	Herbert W. Lathe, P.	'77	'95	125	205	330	..	2	21	23	0	9	0	9	1	5
" North	'89	Rev. Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, P	'60	'88	27	52	79	10	2	7	9	2	0	0	2	2	5
Paso Robles	'94	George F. Witter	Thomas H. Henderson, P	'68	'95	14	32	46	16	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0
Perris	'87	Miss Carrie A. Pell	William N. Burr, P	'88	'92	26	52	78	23	5	9	14	2	9	6	17	0	1
Pico Heights	'87	Mrs. Bird Thomas	John M Schaefle, P	'87	'91	18	29	47	14	5	0	5	2	3	4	9	0	0
Pomona	'87	Charles M. Stone	Lucien H Frary, P C	'69	'88	139	215	354	43	32	24	56	4	19	0	23	19	11
Poso	'93	C. Wright (Spolliswood)	Alfred K. Johnson, P.	'63	'94	10	15	25	2	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C Abernethy, P	'45	'87	16	24	40	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0
Redlands, First	'80	Dr. Wm. E. Lockwood	John H. Williams, P C	'73	'93	78	137	215	22	10	28	38	5	8	0	13	4	5
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Rev A. L Park	Orange H. Spoor, P	'61	'90	31	49	80	3	2	11	13	4	3	0	7	1	1
Redondo Beach	'95	Mrs. L. J. Smith	Frederic A. Field, P	'80	'95	8	19	27	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	4	1
Rialto	'90	Wm D. Humphrey	Allen Hastings, P C	'91	'95	24	33	57	.	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	..	....
Riverside	'72	Walter L. Koethen	Theodore C Hunt, P C	'80	'85	113	238	351	39	9	14	23	2	12	0	14	4	6
Rosedale	'92	I T Sharp	Alfred K Johnson, P	'63	'92	20	26	46	.	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	2	0
San Bernardino, First	'67	Ada M. Smith	James R. Knodell, P	'79	'93	72	100	172	24	15	28	43	0	3	0	3	10	5
San Diego, First	'86	Dea. M. T. Gilmore	Stephen A Norton P C	'81	'94	112	225	337	45	21	36	57	3	32	19	54	9	3
" Second	'88	Miss Jennie Robertson	Theophilus R. Earl, P	'79	'95	15	32	47	11	2	6	8	0	11	3	14	2	4
San Jacinto	'86	Mrs. M. M Mead	W. L. Williams (Cum. Pres.)	'90	'95	19	33	52	12	0	4	4	0	7	2	9	0	0
San Luis Obispo	92	Jacob L Wiley	Walter W. Madge, P	'81	'95	9	20	29	2	3	5	8	0	3	0	3	1	0
San Miguel	'86	Mrs Clara B Telford	Thomas H. Henderson, P	'68	'94	2	8	10	1	..	..	..	1	4	16	21	..	....
Santa Ana	'89	Mrs Franklin E. Perham	John H. Cooper, P	'87	'95	24	62	86	9	6	4	10	3	12	16	31	5	1
Santa Barbara	'67	Dr. C. S. Kittredge	Frank S Forbes, P	'88	'95	63	135	198	26	13	9	22	3	8	13	24	7	2
Santa Monica	'90	Mrs J. A Austin	George H. DeKay, P	'90	'94	17	28	45	14	7	4	11	1	4	0	5	3	1
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, P	'56	'90	11	24	35	9	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	2	0
Sierra Madre	'86	William D Osgood	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, P.	'68	'88	33	47	80	10	9	5	14	0	12	0	12	1	2
South Riverside	'87	Rev. J. Spencer Jewell	J. Spencer Jewell, P.	'66	'90	55	70	125	12	36	10	46	1	1	0	2	25	0
Spring Valley	'88	Miss L. Lobinger (Helix)	Isaac W. Atherton, P	'59	'91	14	15	29	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	'69	C. Leroy Sheldon	Frank N. Merriam, P	'92	'91	45	82	127	24	1	9	10	3	10	0	13	1	1
Vernondale	'85	Dea. William Wight				24	48	72	7	9	2	11	0	13	6	19	5	0
Villa Park	'89	Dea. Henry Snyder	Chas. H Longfellow, Lic.		'94	18	22	40	0	13	15	28	2	0	0	2	9	0
Westminster	'78	George W. Mack				9	15	24	7	1	0	1	1	7	1	9	..	....
Whittier	'94	Charles W Houghton	George Willett, P	'78	'94	15	22	37	6	2	12	14	1	4	1	6	1	2

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Place.		Superintendent.	M.	Av.	Mem.		For-eign	Educa-tion	Ch. Bldg.	Home Miss'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total.	Leg'cy	Home Exp.
Alessandro	'95	James Atwater	31	28	.....	.....	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 5 00	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 5 00	0	$ 40 00
Alpine	'94	Mrs. Sarah S. Rogers	20	23	29	41	4 00	c	0	13 00	0	0	3 00	0	20 00	0	169 00
Avalon	'89	Joseph Stamford	35	28	12	25	0	c	3 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	0	35 00	49 00	0	1087 00
Bakersfield	'92	Wm. H. Rice	65	37	31	40	0	c	0	15 00	0	0	0	51 00	66 00	0	808 00
Ballena	'89																
Bloomington	'92	Ward E. Clark	68	48		24	0	c	0	0	0	6 00	0	0	6 00	0	102 00
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	76	50	21	35	6 00	0	4 00	10 00	0	5 00	0	4 00	29 00	0	373 00
Chula Vista	'90	C. A. Whittemore	65	42	58	52	60 00			30 00		4 00			94 00		
Claremont	'91	Herbert Patten	167	81	77	50	83 00	1195 00	15 00	86 00	1 00	8 00	5 00	55 00	1448 00	0	625 00
Compton	'88	Wm. D. Seeley	80	48	23	75	10 00	0	4 00	22 00	5 00	0	0	0	41 00	0	1075 00
Daggett	'94	Leman N. Barber	48	24		60	0	0	0	10 00	0	0	0	0	10 00	0	50 00
Dehesa	'85	Hampton P. Sloane	24	20		15	0	0	6 00	10 00	0	4 00	0	0	20 00	0	143 00
De Luz	'89	Henry M. Daniels	24	16		6	0	0	0	2 00	0	0	0	0	2 00	0	9 00
Eagle Rock	'86	J. Q. Adams, Verdugo	55	45		18	0	0	0	1 00	0	0	0	0	1 00	0	161 00
Encinitas	'90		19		0	10				4 00					4 00		84 00
Escondido	'86	Joseph W. Hedges	141	96	51	60	6 00	0	3 00	33 00	0	0	0	20 00	62 00	0	982 00
Etiwanda	'93	A. K. Loud	85	65	51	75	0	0	0	30 00	0	0	0	15 00	45 00	0	275 00
Flinn Valley	'92	Mrs. Margaret Perkins	24	14	0	8											
Halleck	'84	Rev. J. T. Auchinachie	31	22		20	0	0	0	2 00	0	6 00	0	0	8 00	0	
Hesperia	'93		18	14		20	0	0	0	2 00	0	1 00	0	0	3 00	0	
Highland (Messina)	'84	S. H. Barrett	92	74			71 00	5 00	110 00	129 00	22 00	6 00	100 00	0	443 00	0	1409 00
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	40	25	11	40	0	0	0	14 00	0	9 00	0	9 00	32 00	0	316 00
Jamul	'88	D. C. Maxfield (Helix)	35	25		16	0	0	0	15 00	0	3 00	2 00	0	20 00	0	55 00
La Mesa	'95	E. D. Gripper	25	20		19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33 00
Lemon Grove	'94	S. L. Roberts	38	29		23	0	c	0	5 00	0	4 00	0	0	9 00	0	45 00
Long Beach	'88																
Los Angeles, First	'67	Don A. Judd	485	187	85	300	303 00	132 00	200 00	586 00	22 00	21 00	25 00	583 00	1872 00	0	10307 00
" Park	'84	W. A. Colwell	205	145	67		80 00	0	25 00	75 00	0	16 00	0	25 00	221 00	0	1350 00
" Third	'85	C. M. Davis	200	95	30	150	0	156 00	25 00	49 00	0	0	3 00	....	233 00	..	490 00
" East, Sta. A	'87	J. M. Armstrong	256	125	33	100	19 00	0	0	100 00	10 00	4 00	0	5 00	138 00	0	2003 00
" Plymouth	'88	E. V. Sutton	69		20	45	43 00		15 00	65 00	5 00	3 00		25 00	71 00		
" West End	'88	L. W. Head	105	75	80		5 00	0	2	62 00	0	6 00	0	3 00	78 00	0	525 00
" Olivet	'89	H. M. Caine	140	100	60	60			7 00	30 00		7 00			44 00		
" Bethlehem	'92	John Terrace	260	143	20	250	0	5 00	0	20 00	0	6 00	0	8 00	39 00	0	992 00
" Central Ave.	'95	Chas. S. Vaile	85		30												

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Oceanside	'85	S. V. Dodd	18	16		7	$ 0	$ 0	$ 3 00	$ 10 00	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 13 00	0	$ 216 00
Ontario	'85	A. E. Tracy	110	85	75	70	111 00	869 00	28 00	354 00	58 00	18 00	0	27 00	9286 00	0	1410 00
Pasadena, First	'85	A. L. Hamilton	309	189	100	160	124 00	263 00	65 00	633 00	18 00	22 00	0	76 00	1201 00	0	4637 00
" North	'89	J. H. Woodworth	175	106	60	80	30 00	50 00	0	45 00	15 00	5 00	0	11 00	156 00	0	1514 00
Paso Robles	'94	W. O. Dresser			20	35	0	0	0	10 00	0	0	0	0	10 00	0	
Perris	'87	Wm N. Burr	80	59	27	60	7 00	0	10 00	102 00	0	15 00	0	5 00	139 00	0	976 00
Pico Heights	'87	E. R. W. Frost	110	80	25		0	0	50 00	12 00	0	6 00		17 00	85 00	0	258 00
Pomona	'87	Stephen Alden	261	141	165	200	377 00	1203 00	22 00	626 00	0	43 00	13 00	501 00	2785 00	0	3869 00
Poso	'93	Sidney Root (Spottiswood)	41	33	0	54	0	0	10 00	10 00	0	0	0	0	20 00	0	150 00
Poway	'87	Charles H. Abernethy	75	55	35	30	50 00	0	0	29 00	50 00	9 00	0	24 00	162 00	0	175 00
Redlands, First	'80	John P. Fisk Jr	196	132	80	100	125 00	32 00	13 00	60 00	36 00	15 00	0	50 00	331 00	0	4225 00
" Lugonia Terrace	'00	Sumner A. Grover	98	65	73	65	68 00	0	16 00	63 00	3 00	9 00	15 00	0	174 00	0	740 00
Redondo Beach	'95	W. Newton Best.	94	68		15											1360 00
Rialto	'90	Miss Louise Oliver	50	32	35	25	0	0	9 00	20 00	0	2 00	0	10 00	41 00	0	148 00
Riverside	'72	C. W. Ekins	230	170	150	142	136 00	40 00	46 00	301 00	77 00	20 00	0	470 00	1090 00	0	2800 00
Rosedale	'92	Mr McManus	63	52	32	63	0	0	15 00	15 00	0	0	0	0	30 00	0	225 00
San Bernardino, First	'67	Miss Emily Johnson	167	96	92	125	92 00	100 00	51 00	82 00	106 00	10 00	17 00	156 00	614 00	0	2922 00
San Diego, First	'86	George W. Marston	250	175	150	175	397 00	2130 00	58 00	820 00	0	20 00	26 00	350 00	3821 00	0	3281 00
" Second	'88	J. W. Williams	95	53	45	40	0	0	0	22 00	0	4 00	0	6 00	32 00	0	371 00
San Jacinto	'86	Mrs. S. Mead Smith	70	50	20	20	33 00	0	25 00	19 00	0	6 00	0	3 00	86 00	0	500 00
San Luis Obispo	'02	Thomas Dawson	107	52	20		0	0	0	34 00	0	5 00	2 00	5 00	46 00	0	750 00
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford	28	24			0	0	1 00	0	0	0	0	0	1 00		
Santa Ana	'89	Miss Julia Stebbins	130	74	45	70	18 00	0	0	32 00	5 00	0	0	35 00	90 00	0	1140 00
Santa Barbara	'67	H. K. Hitchcock	125	78	90	200	290 00	171 00	58 00	371 00	526 00	10 00	0	121 00	1547 00	0	2516 00
Santa Monica	'90	James Gray	60	45	10	30	5 00	10 00	3 00	57 00	0	5 00	0	5 00	85 00	0	1800 00
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. S. R. Sharp	51	32	35	56	0	0	5 00	3 00	0	0	0	3 00	11 00	0	435 00
Sierra Madre	'86	George Humphries		45	39		0	50 00	12 00	81 00	3 00	46 00	0	0	192 00	0	704 00
South Riverside	'87	A. B. Caldwell	140	78	80	85	44 00	25 00	5 00	120 00	0	0	5 00	45 00	244 00	0	1125 00
Spring Valley	'88	Frank M. Oliver (Helix)	40	26	31	20	8 00	0	5 00	22 00	0	7 00	0	0	42 00	0	240 00
Ventura	'69	Miss Alice Younglove	125	57	60	65	57 00	31 00	13 00	106 00	22 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	242 00	0	1297 00
Vernondale	'85	Durell Draper	140	94	121	45	1 00	0	0	14 00	0	0	0	68 00	83 00	0	890 00
Villa Park	'89	W. Ed Marsh	85	65	35	35	5 00	0	3 00	1 00	0	3 00	0	20 00	32 00	0	270 00
Westminster	'78						0	1	0	5 00	0	4 00	0	0	9 00		
Whittier	'94	Chas W. Houghton		52	19	30	5 00	0	5 00	15 00	0	3 00	0	6 00	34 00	0	798 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR-BOOK'S LIST OF CHURCHES: Added—Alessandro, La Mesa, Los Angeles—Central Ave., Redondo Beach.

OMITTED—San Bernardino—Bethel.

CHURCHES: 6 with pastors installed by council. 59 with pastors otherwise inducted. 10 vacant [including 6 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations]. Total, 75.

MINISTERS: 5 pastors installed by council. 50 pastors otherwise inducted. 37 others. Total, 92.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 2,216 males. 3,628 females. Total, 5,844. including 745 absent. Gain, 362.

ADDITIONS: 371 by confession. 594 by letter. Total, 965.

REMOVALS: 67 by death. 392 by dismissal. 171 by discipline. Total, 630.

BAPTISMS: 183 adult. 102 infant.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: members, 7,029. Gain, 611. Average, 4,349.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 53. 2,720 members.

FAMILIES: 62 churches reporting [3,313 last year], 3,964. Gain, 651.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 70 churches reporting [$14,391 last year]. Foreign, $2,742. Education, $14,313. Church Building, $956. Home, $5,707. A. M. A. $994. Sunday-School, $453. Ministerial Aid, $263. Other, $2,905. Total, $28,343. Increase, $13,952.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 63 churches reporting [$66,912 last year], $68,396. Increase, $1,484.

LIST OF MISSION SCHOOLS OF CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	POST-OFFICE	MEMBERS.
Acton (Union)	J. Nickel	Acton	38
Agua Caliente	Mrs. J. H. Babbitt	Warner	41
Alamos	Miss E. F. Auld	Murrieta	20
Alpine (Union)	W. S. Stephenson	Alpine	20
Arrowhead	H. H. Horn	San Bernardino	20

Barstow	J. H. Jones	Barstow	30
Beardsley	Rev. J. W. Phillips	Bakersfield	30
Bouquet Canyon	Otto Rinderknect	Lancaster	15
Calico	Mrs. A. R. Rhea	Calico	30
Casitas	Mrs. J. W. Anderson	Ventura	14
Chico	O. J. Buck	Westminster	16
Corta Madera	Mrs. Robt. Benton	Descanso	11
Cuyama	W. M. Beekman	Ozena	20
Delpny	Mr. Rhodes	Vista	42
Descanso	Wm. Copeland	Descanso	18
East Vale	Miss Sadie Walkem	South Riverside	15
Eliseo	B. A. Lloyd	Eliseo	20
Fairview	Mrs. Griffen	Bakersfield	26
Gabilan	Mrs. J. H. Vaughn	Perris	22
Glenella	Dr. Geo. Wolfe	Bernardo	18
Good Hope	E. J. Manker	Perris	20
Hamlin	S. D. Miller	Delano	32
Hartford	A. E. Kepner	Hartford	45
Jamacha	D. C. Maxfield	Jamul	22
La Jolla Park	Mrs. A. P. Mills	La Jolla Park	15
La Mesa Springs	Mrs. J. H. McGuire	La Mesa Springs	21
Las Flores	Mrs. E. A. Bush	Jamul	13
Little Rock Creek	A. J. Nutting	Little Rock Creek	30
Llano	Dr. Guthrie	Llano	25
Lugo	Mrs. J. H. McDonald	Compton	75
Martinez	J. M. Gates	Indio	22
Matilija	Miss Mary Rice	Nordhoff	20
Mojave	Mrs. H. H. Woods	Mojave	25
Moneta	Rev. W. Smith	Redondo	25
Moosa	Mrs. C. S. Norton	Moosa	28
Mounta'n View	Miss Collins, Sec.	Ontario	20
Newport, (Union)	George Hill	Santa Ana	25
North Perris	Neil Groot	Perris	60
Oakdale	Mrs. Walsh	Escondido	25
Oak Glen	Miss Sara McLean	Riverside	10
Olivenheim	J. L. Chaffin	Encinitas	21
Panama	H. Stillson	Bakersfield	54
Placentia	A. T. Pendleton	Placentia	50
Pleasant Valley	H. C. Reid	Zeuker	45
Rincon	L. S. Wells	Rincon	18
Rio Bravo	W. H. Frozine	Bakersfield	35
Rose District	Mrs. Lois A. Dunham	Toolwass	24
San Marcos	George Gall	San Marcos	20

Serena	Eli Kimberly	Santa Barbara	15
Silverado	Mrs. Clara Ford	Orange	15
Sisar	I. N. Jones	Nordhoff	21
Sorrento	John Macpherson	Sorrento	25
Stowe	Miss M. Keith	Stowe	24
Tajauta	R. S. Ramsaur	Florence	70
Toolwass	Mrs. John Stanley	Bakersfield	20
Valley	Mrs. A. Smith	South Riverside	35
Vanderbilt	Mrs. A. Northway	Vanderbilt	20
Viejas	F. B. Walker	Alpine	30

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NAME.	EMPLOYMENT.	POST-OFFICE.	ORDAINED
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Alvord, Lawrence C.	W. C.	San Diego	'88
Atherton, Isaac W.	Pastor	Helix	'59
Baldwin, Cyrus G.	Pres. College	Claremont	'81
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Bartlett, Enoch N.	W. C.	Ventura	'41
Bissell, Frank A.	Pastor	National City	'82
Bixby, Alanson	W. C.	San Diego	'50
Brainerd, Edward R.	W. C.	Los Angeles	'84
Bristol, Sherlock	W. C.	Ventura	'43
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Burr, Wm. N.	Pastor	Perris	'88
Carr, Geo. Trotter	W. C.	St. Catharines, Canada	'71
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in the seven southern counties of California, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

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ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday of May, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

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Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshiped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the Confessions and Platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or reaffirmed. We declare that the experience of the nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, He will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a Nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the Gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this Gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State, and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by its all-transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; and that the divi-

sion of such communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same common faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided Church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the only living and true God; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the Church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and, through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter, are delivered from the power of sin and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and apostles and in the life, the miracles, the death and the resurrection of His Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming now our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of His body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will cooperate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the Gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world and "preach the Gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth" fulfill the promise which is all our hope, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

Minutes

OF THE

Tenth Annual Meeting

OF THE

General

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—OF—

Southern California

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Congregational Church of Claremont

October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1896

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CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Alessandro ..... W. F. Warner
Mrs. W. F. Warner

Avalon ..... J. D. McLean

Bloomington ..... Geo. F. Kylling
Mrs. Culbertson

Chula Vista ..... G. H. Collier

Claremont ..... Dea. Thomas Barrows
Miss Catherine Cook

Etiwanda ..... Gail Hickcox

Long Beach ..... C. F. A. Johnson
Mrs. C. F. A. Johnson

Los Angeles, First ..... Mrs. C. H. Bosbyshell
Dea. H. G. Billings

" " Park ..... A. T. Snell

" " Third ..... Mrs. C. S. Billings
Miss Florence R. Yarrow

" " East ..... Mrs. S. E. Jacobus

" " Plymouth ..... Chas. A. Long

" " West End ..... Mrs. George Morris

" " Bethlehem ..... Rev. Dana W. Bartlett

" " Central Ave. ..... Mrs. Jas. Parsons
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" " Pico Heights ..... Mrs. Bird Thomas
Luther Blair

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Los Angeles, Swedish.....Rev. E. M. Carlson
Chas. E. Norberg
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Mrs. James McClung
Monrovia..... G. H. Hutchins
Mrs. S. M. Belcher
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Isaac Warren
Norwalk.....Mrs. E. F. Swigert
Mrs. E. P. Truitt
Ontario.....Mrs. F. H. Hutchinson
Mrs. A. E. Tracy
Pasadena, First.....Geo. A. Gibbs
Mrs. W. H. Dwight
" North.....Dea. H. K. W. Bent
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Poway.....C. H. Abernethy
Redlands, First.....Rev. J. M. R. Eaton
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Rialto..... W. N. Cline, M. D.
Mrs. J. S. Cline
Riverside.....G. F. Herrick
Mrs. G. F. Herrick
San Bernardino.....Dea. D. M. Bradford
San Diego, First.....Dea. R. M. Manly
Mrs. A. E. Frost
San Jacinto..... Mrs. A. W. Thompson
San Luis Obispo.....Mrs. W. W. Madge
Santa Ana.....Mrs. J. H.Cooper
Santa Barbara.....Mrs. Joshua Snell
Mrs. J. W. Southwick
Santa Monica.....Mrs. J. A. Austin
Mrs. Belle E. Gray
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J. L. Tabor
Villa Park.....Mrs. M. B. Lathrop
Miss J. E. Horton

DELEGATES FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

Rev. J. K. McLean, D. D., Rev. John Kimball.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. A. P. Case, Rev. S. G. Lamb, Rev. James Parsons.

Rev. L. H. Frary was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. H. Williams, Assistant Moderator; Rev. N. T. Edwards, Scribe; and Rev. S. A. Norton, Assistant Scribe.

The Moderator-elect having not yet arrived, the Assistant Moderator led the Association in prayer for the Divine blessing.

The Committee of Arrangements made report, presenting a printed program of exercises for the meeting, which was adopted.

Then followed a devotional service led by the Assistant Moderator in the absence of the appointed leader, Evangelist H. G. Smead.

Rev. W. F. Day, delegate to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards, delegate to the Baptist General Convention, made report of their visits to these bodies. Rev. Dr. J. K. McLean presented greetings from the General Association of California.

The Moderator, Rev. L. H. Frary, took the chair.

The Report of the Treasurer was heard and accepted.

George A. Gibbs, Esq., addressed the Association on "A Sabbath Law for California." He recommended that in our efforts to improve our Sabbath laws we do not attempt too much, but labor for what we may reasonably hope to obtain. He commended the Nebraska law, and thought that it could be enacted. As to method, he would not rely on petitions, but would see every member of the Legislature, especially the bosses.

The following resolution was adopted:

Recognizing the need of more vital legislation for the protection of Sunday as a day of rest and worship,

RESOLVED, That we recommend the method suggested in the very practical and able paper presented by G. A. Gibbs, Esq.

Rev. N. T. Edwards read a paper on "The New Manual of the National Council," commending it for use in our churches. It was

RESOLVED, That this Association approve of "The Council Manual for a Congregational Church" prepared by the Committee of the National Council, and that we commend it to the churches for adoption and use.

The Moderator then appointed *Committees* as follows:

On Nominations: Rev. O. H. Spoor, Dr. J. E. Janes, Rev. H. W. Lathe.

On Business: Rev. J. R. Knodell, Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, Rev. Thomas Hendry.

On Resolutions: Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Frank S. Forbes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. J. H. Williams, Assistant Moderator, was in the chair.

On recommendation of the Business Committee, time was granted to Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins to present the claims of *The Pacific*, and to Mrs. P. H. Bodkin to speak for *The California Independent*.

The Committee on Temperance made its report through Rev. J. R. Knodell, Chairman. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, it is of critical importance to the temperance reform that the innumerable bodies engaged therein should approach some basis of unity in counsel and effort; and

Whereas, the American Anti-Saloon League is the only national body making for such unity and is in fact unifying very diverse forces;

RESOLVED, That this Association concur with the Northern Association in heartily approving such League.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported by Rev. H. P. Case, Chairman.

Dr. Edmund Bedford addressed the Association on "The Home Department of Sunday-school Work."

Mrs. Isabel Scott read a paper on "Kindergarten and Primary Work in the Sunday-school."

It was RESOLVED, That we recognize the valuable work of the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society; that we deem Southern California a specially favorable field for its activity; and commend the wise supervision of Superintendent Case for the past ten years: that we recommend a collection from all our Sunday-schools for this Society on Children's Day; and bespeak larger activity for spiritual results during the coming year.

The claims of Pacific Theological Seminary were presented in an address by Rev. J. K. McLean, D. D., President of that institution.

A special program had been prepared in behalf of Pomona College, in accordance with which Rev. J. R. Knodell spoke on "The Ideal in College Work"; Miss Jean Loomis spoke of The College from the Stand-point of a Student; Prof. F. S. Hafford spoke from the stand-point of a traveling agent of the institution; Mr. H. K. W. Bent, President of the Board of Trustees, spoke of the finances of the College, and its effort to secure an endowment fund; Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., directed attention to the high standard of the College and to its marvelous growth; and Rev. J. K. McLean, D. D., to the far-reaching influence of college work.

The following resolution, copied with slight modification from the proceedings of the General Association of California, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we affirm our continued approval of the work and management of Pomona College: that we commend it to parents and to men of means as a fully accredited College rarely wise in its methods for awakening and educating youth, and as a magnificent training school of manhood and Christian character: and that we urge each one of our churches to make an offering for Christian education and send it to the Treasurer of Pomona College before January 1st, 1897.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The topic of the evening was Home-Land Work.

Mrs. Warren F. Day, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Union for Southern California, reported the work of that society.

Rev. J. T. Ford, Home Mission Superintendent, read his annual report. Rev. H. H. Wikoff, Pacific Coast Secretary of the Congregational Church Building Society, presented the claims of that society. Rev. W. W. Madge, Home Missionary in San Luis Obispo, spoke of the work in his field. Mr. Nardi, an Italian evangelist, spoke of the work begun among the Italians in Los Angeles.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 15TH.

The Association was called to order at 9 A. M.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

Rev. George Robertson spoke in behalf of *The Pacific*. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Association re-affirms its appreciation of *The Pacific* as a denominational and Christian family newspaper, and commends it as a most valuable medium of communication between our churches on the Pacific Coast. In order to make the paper a more perfect reflection of our church-life, we urge each church to appoint some one regularly to report its work; also, in view of the fact that the present editorial board for Southern California are burdened with their distinctive work, we recommend the appointment of an additional editorial correspondent for Southern California. Moreover, we recommend that a committee be appointed to secure an agent in each church, in order to enlarge the circulation of the paper and to lay before its publisher the advisability of offering a percentage of receipts of subscriptions to business agents in the respective parishes.

It was *Voted*, To send to President Baldwin a telegram informing him of the spirit of co-operation with him manifested in the Association in behalf of Pomona College.

A paper was read by Rev. D. W. Bartlett on "Church Provision for Mutual Help in Poverty, Sickness, etc."

Then followed a half-hour service of prayer, led by Rev. Thomas Hendry. Subject, "Enduement with Power."

The Association then gave way for the annual meeting of the Ministers' Relief Society. Its President, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., took the chair.

The Treasurer, Rev. Elijah Cash, read his report, from which it appeared that the Society had done a good work during the past year, but might have done better if the churches had more generally contributed to its funds. Only twenty-three out of seventy-five churches had responded to the appeal for contributions.

After an address by Dea. S. H. Barrett, one of the Directors of the Society, it was voted to adjourn.

The Association having resumed its work, Rev. Allen Hastings addressed the assembly on "Qualifications for Church Membership."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 1:30 P. M.

After prayer and singing, the Business Committee presented invitations from Redlands and from Santa Monica to the Association to hold with them its next meeting.

Voted, To accept the invitation from Redlands.

Rev. J. H. Williams proposed that Pomona College act in the capacity of a savings bank in receiving sums of money from families to be held as deposits, regular rates of interest being allowed, the whole amount to be paid back in the education of their children.

It was *Voted*, To request Brother Williams to prepare a statement of his proposition for publication in *The Pacific*.

Voted, That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The *Committee on Resolutions* reported the following, which were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy for our Armenian brethren in their hour of persecution, and that we urge our churches, as far as possible, to make some offering for their material relief.

RESOLVED, That we approve the proposed amendment to our State Constitution eliminating the word "male" from the suffrage qualification.

The *Committee on Nominations* reported, making nominations which were adopted as follows:

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—Rev. L. H. Frary, Dea. H. G. Billings, Rev. D. H. Colcord, Rev. J. S. Jewell, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Hon. Chas. E. Harwood, Rev. J. H. Williams.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. W. F. Day, D. D., Mrs. E. M. Pease, Prof. F. A. Bissell, Mrs. Chas. Hughes, Capt. C. P. Low.

On Sunday Schools—Dea. S. H. Barrett, Rev. Allen Hastings, Mrs. Isabel Scott, Rev. J. H. Cooper, Mrs. F. S. Forbes.

On Education—Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Rev. N. T. Edwards, Rev. W. H. McDougall.

On Temperance—Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. George Morris, Mrs. James Gray.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. James T. Ford, Rev. A. E. Tracy, Rev. W. N. Burr, Mrs. Mary M. Smith.

On Publication—Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. J. T. Ford, J. B. Irvine, Jr.

On Interdenominational Comity—Pres. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., George W. Marston, Rev. E. O. Tade.

On Sabbath Observance—Dea. R. M. Manly, Howard W. Mills, Rev. James Parsons, George A. Gibbs, Esq.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Directors of the Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California—Nominations recommended: Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. James H. Harwood, D. D., Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. Harvey Jones, Dea. W. H. Griffin.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Rev. Frederick A. Field, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Dea. Thomas Barrows, John P. Fisk, Jr., Rev. J. M. Schaefle. For two years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill. For one year: Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Rev. C. S. Vaile, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Rev. F. N. Merriam, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

Delegates to the General Congregational Association of California—Rev. F. S. Forbes, Dea. H. K. W. Bent.

Preacher for the Next Meeting—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott. Alternate, Rev. E. F. Goff.

To Report the Work of the Churches—Rev. C. S. Vaile.

Rev. J. T. Ford was elected Registrar and Treasurer of the Association for three years.

Rev. D. H. Colcord was elected Statistical Secretary for three years.

RESOLVED, That we desire to express to the church and community of Claremont, in no merely formal terms, our appreciation of their very cordial invitation and their unbounded hospitality. We carry away with us a new sense of Christian brotherhood and entire unselfishness from our experience here. And while the College proper has been at no expense for this meeting, we are drawn nearer to it, and are assured that an institution which has the heart and energy of such a people to sustain it will win. We are not surprised at the enthusiasm of all the young people of Claremont. We would include in our thanks the people of Pomona, as we so often have occasion to do, for their hearty co-operation with Claremont for our entertainment.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Voted, That the Association adjourn, after the fulfillment of the program for the afternoon, at 4:15 P. M.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through Rev. A. E. Tracy, Chairman. Mrs. J. H. Williams reported for the Southern Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific. These reports were followed by addresses from Rev. F. S. Forbes—topic, "Every One a Missionary"—and from Rev. A. B. Case on Mission Work in Mexico and his more recent work in this State.

A summary of reports from the churches was given by Rev. J. S. Jewell. It was *Voted*, That a copy be requested for publication in *The Pacific*.

Brief addresses had been prepared in memory of Rev. J. W. Hough, D. D., Rev. W. A. McGinley, D. D., and Rev. M. S. Phillips, which could not be delivered for want of time. It was *Voted*, That they be printed in the published Minutes of the Association.

The closing service of the Association was the Lord's Supper, preceded by a preparatory address by Rev. E. F. Goff, who, with Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., presided at the service.

NICHOLAS T. EDWARDS, SCRIBE.

JAMES T. FORD, REGISTRAR.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California

In account with James T. Ford, Treasurer.

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1895		
Oct. 8.	By Balance in Treasury, - - -	$219.17
Oct. 8.	By dues received from San Jacinto, $2.85; Villa Park, .70; Hesperia, .35; San Diego, 1st, $24.50; Poway, $2.10; Compton, $3.45; Los Angeles, East, $8.25; Claremont, $4.20; Daggett, .35; Dehesa, $2.00; DeLuz, .40; Encinitas, .60; Etiwanda, $2.35; Highland, $5.40; Hyde Park, .65; Jamul, .85; Lemon Grove, .55; Long Beach, $2.45; Los Angeles, 1st, $21.55; Los Angeles, Plymouth, $4.55; Los Angeles, Olivet, $2.30; Mentone, $2.45; Monrovia, $2.45; Oceanside, .75; Ontario, $5.70; Perris, $4.05; Pomona, $16.05; San Bernardino, $6.80; San Diego, 2nd, $2.65; Santa Barbara, $10.00; Santa Monica, $1.95; Sierra Madre, $3.90; Ventura, $6.50; Vernondale, $4.00; Westminster, $1.60; Pico Heights, $2.55; Pasadena, 1st, $15.80; Whittier, $1.45; Pasadena, North, $3.60; Moreno, $3.65; Flinn Valley, .75; Paso Robles, $2.45; Redlands, 1st, $9.50; Buena Park, $4.62; South Riverside, $4.05; Santa Ana, $5.35, - -	213.02
1896		
April 16,	By dues from Los Angeles, Bethlehem, $3.70; Halleck, $1.35; Los Angeles, 3rd, $8.61; National City, $5.00; Chula Vista, $2.35; Spring Valley, $1.30, - - - - - - -	22.31
May 6,	By dues from Lugonia Terrace, $3.70; Needles, .80; Avalon, $1.20; Los Angeles, West End, $2.00; Escondido, $4.55; Nordhoff, $2.65; Los Angeles, Park, $6.65, - - - - -	21.55
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1895			
Dec. 31,	To expense of copying Minutes for printer,	$2.00	
1896			
Feb. 13,	" " cor. and proof-reading, Minutes,	5.00	
Mar. 13,	" " postage of Minutes, -	9.70	
Mar. 17,	" " wrapping Minutes, -	2.00	
Mar. 17,	" " printing and binding Minutes, 1500 copies, - -	111.85	
Mar. 18,	" " expressage of Minutes, -	5.60	
April 18,	" expenses Statistical Secretary, -	1.50	
May 26,	" payment of dues to National Council,	109.64	
Oct. 13,	" expense programs and postage for As'n,	9.05	
Oct. 14,	" telegram from Association, -	.70	
			257.04
	Balance transferred to new account,		219.01
			$476.05

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED BY REV. J. R. KNODELL.

Desiring to know just what and how much was being done in our churches toward creating the right sentiment on this question, your committee addressed a communication to each of our churches and Sunday-schools, presenting these five questions:

1. What specific temperance work has your church done, *the past year?* (Only the past year.)

2. What is your church *plan* of temperance work? (Do not give your theory but your *plan*.)

3. Do you have a quarterly or a monthly or any other stated temperance meeting?

4. What temperance instruction do you give in your Sunday-school?

5. Have you any specific temperance organization in your church plan, such as Loyal Legion, Band of Hope, etc., etc.?

Fifty-six out of seventy-five churches answered. Nine churches, though each had two appeals, made no reply. They either considered the questions an impertinence on the part of your committee, or were not sufficiently interested to send replies. That we are not committing an impertinence in asking the questions is evidenced by the reading of By-Law 3 on the "Duties of Permanent Committees," as passed at our last meeting.

Permit us now to lay before you a *resume* of these reports:

The first question, "What specific temperance work has your church done, the past year?" was answered by twenty-two churches in one word, "None." Twenty-seven churches say, "Our pastor has preached sermons on the subject"—a few say, "occasional sermons." Out of these twenty-seven *only three* mention having brought the matter before the mid-week prayer-meeting. Twelve churches report having held series of special temperance meetings, led by such workers as Col. and Mrs. Scott and C. P. Dorland. Nine churches say, "Our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor take up the question in their meetings." Two or three mention special temperance rally-days for their Sunday-schools. Some five or six report special work in co-operation with Anti-Saloon Alliances, Good Citizens' Leagues, Law and Order Leagues, to banish the saloons, to shut them up during Sabbath hours, and to point out the fact that much of our crime is due to the saloon curse. Thus the answers to the first question show that, while a good deal of work is being done among our churches, it is being done in only a few communities. There has been, this past year, no general movement by our churches to destroy this "sum of all villainies."

The second question, "What is your church *plan* of temperance work?" discloses the fact that out of all our churches only nine confess any well-digested plan of attack upon the evil or of instruction concerning its pernicious influence. Just to think of it! that the sin that squanders $1,200,000,000 of our nation's money, that sends into eternity drunk 120,000 souls annually, that produces directly four-fifths of all our crime, three-fourths of all our poverty, two-thirds of all our lunacy, seven-tenths of all our national court expenses, and breaks the hearts of mothers, wives and sisters, that casts dishonor on the fair name of children and friends, while entailing life-long imbecility upon thousands more, arouses in our seventy-five churches but nine

to have any definite plan for its destruction, or well-digested scheme for instructing the rising generation on its baneful effects both for time and eternity. No wonder the church of Jesus Christ is charged with bald hypocrisy and is being shunned by those who seek a way out of their troubles.

In the midst of this general disregard, great honor is due to the few who are pushing the battle strongly against this most satanic of all Satan's agencies. One of these loyal ones reports: "We have inaugurated a movement to close our saloons and brothels on the Sabbath. In the effort we have had some measure of success. We hold meetings, in series, to discuss practical temperance. We have a standing committee of our church to act with a similar committee in other organizations to see that local laws against the saloons are enforced." Another says: "We have a special program on temperance in our Sunday-school each quarter, and at that time always seek to pledge the boys and girls against the drink usages of society." Another still: "Our plan is to have the subject *regularly* presented from the pulpit; a prayer-meeting topic on the subject several times a year; to use the Sunday-school lessons on Temperance when they occur; to have the church represented by a vigorous committee in the city work." Still another brother reports: "I may sum up our whole church plan in this one sentence, 'To smite the Devil's head every time it gets within smiting distance.'" Still another: "We aim to make our nine-year-old Good Templars' organization the most effective instrument possible in fighting the saloon curse." Still another: "Our plan is to let circumstances be our guide in specific work. We keep the subject before the people in sermons, pastoral work, Sunday-school, temperance work, and a quarterly Christian Endeavor meeting." A Los Angeles church says: "Our aim is to hold three Sunday evening temperance mass-meetings in each year. These meetings are addressed by talented speakers. Recitations are given by the Sunday-school scholars and by Endeavor members. Temperance solos and choruses are sung. These services we carefully plan, thoroughly advertise and fully attend. Temperance sermons are preached three times a year; quarterly Christian Endeavor services on temperance are held, and the Sunday-school lesson, as often as it can be made to teach temperance, is used vigorously in that way."

This is all that can be culled in the way of plan from our 75 churches against this crowning sin of the nineteenth century.

The third question, "Do you have monthly or quarterly temperance meetings?" is almost invariably answered by "No," some few easing themselves down by the remark, "Our Christian Endeavor Society has a quarterly temperance topic." This shows, perhaps, as clearly as anything can, that there is not much definite planning in regard to the matter in any branch of our church work.

The fourth question, "What temperance instruction do you give in Sunday-school?" brings out almost universally the answer, "The Temperance Lessons provided by the International Sunday-school Lesson Committee." Three confess that even that small amount of temperance teaching is not given in their Sunday-schools. Two say that "at each temperance lesson the 'triple pledge' is circulated" among the members. One pastor gives to his school "frequent chalk-talks" on the temperance lessons.

The fifth and last question, "Have you any specific temperance organization in your church-plan?" brought out the following information: There are four Loyal Legions, two Bands of Hope, one Temperance Brigade, three Good Templar Lodges, and many Woman's Christian Temperance Unions.

One good brother is so confident that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is able to do the work against the saloon that he reports the church as having given the temperance question entirely over into their hands. God bless the women! Shame on the church that loads the whole battle against the saloon upon their shoulders!

This is all the direct information that our questions elicited. Confessions like the following were made by some: "We have no specific plan of work. Therein I recognize a fault which we will try to remedy." "We have no saloon or drug-store in our town. The grocery stores do not sell liquor. There is no work to be done, unless it be to educate the young." "We have no temperance organization as a part of our church; in fact, I guess all these societies, once among us, are dead. We are nearly dead in all lines of temperance work. The outlook is not encouraging."

This, then, is the sad, ignoble, shameful condition of temperance work in our churches.

We are asked by one brother (Rev. A. B. White) to present the following questions to the Association for decision: "Is a church deficient that has no specific plan for temperance work? Should there be separate organizations within the church for such work? Should our churches be patterned after that at Santa Monica? Is a church of itself, with its gospel mission, sufficient, or is it best to add special plans and organizations for temperance work?"

A study of the reports leads to the conclusion that the following four considerations seem to have operated to prevent temperance work:

1. The full and fearless discussion of the temperance question in many of our churches has been prevented by the fear that attendants will forsake the church if what has been made a political party question be introduced and urged.

2. Some ministers do not care to present a theme in the pulpit which, if earnestly discussed, will lay them liable to attack by the political temperance men of their congregations, who charge them with knowing to do good but not doing it, and with thus being sinners, as the apostle declares.

3. There seems to be a practical belief with many Christian workers that the preaching of general principles only is their duty, and not special application to men and sins. Hence they rest content in having preached the gospel in the abstract on the subject.

4. There is the question, receiving in most cases a negative answer, whether or not the Christian church should single out one sin, like that of saloonism, and organize with special reference to it?

Your committee would venture to say, in reply to these considerations:

1. We are under obligation to the God who commissioned us to preach the Gospel, and to the people who come to our services to set forth the truth, and the whole truth, on the temperance question, irrespective of its political significance. That some men have wrongfully snatched out of the hand of the church a part of her work, or have taken it up because the church neglected it, and organized it into a political party, thus gendering strife among God's people, and driving from the temperance work many of the church's most earnest laborers, should

not prevent the leaders in church work from laying their hands on all the facts connected with this giant wrong and pouring them in torrents of eloquence and spiritual earnestness upon the hearts of the people.

2. Neither should we be deterred from our duty by the personal attacks of so-called friends of temperance. If our position will not bear to be pointed out in the light of our own preaching, let us not (in the name of God, I plead) let us not cease to preach this truth, but get into such personal relations to it that the very brightest light will only the more clearly show that we stand without reserve and always against that which not only threatens the race but is ruining our fellow-men by tens of thousands, and casting the pall of poverty and shame over thousands of our country's homes.

3. With respect to specific or general teaching, let us turn to the Book and see what teachings Christ and his disciples give on this head. Read the verses of Christ's "Sermon on the Mount"; hear Him thunder, not against sin in general, but against "anger" as murder, the unforgiving spirit as shutting out of heaven, the lascivious look as adultery, against divorce as a crime. Hear Him denounce the usury and hypocrisy of the Pharisee. Listen to Him as He warns the people against "surfeiting and drunkenness." We cannot go far in our study before we shall be convinced that there is no excuse for the servants of Jesus Christ who fail to bring the whole weight of Scriptural denunciation down upon this specific sin.

4. Shall we organize with special reference to one kind of sin? Yes, against each kind of sin; especially against sins of such enormity as drunkenness and saloonism. Let it not be said of the church any longer, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Special organization for special purposes, is the means by which great things are accomplished in the world. Why should we fail to learn the lesson so plainly taught us? So, then, let us plan and organize and execute. Let us not make sporadic attacks, unwisely planned, against this evil; let us be no longer satisfied with reports and resolutions; let us not stop with voting against the curse, if our consciences require so much of us; but let us make wise plans, let us persistently push them, let us step forward shoulder to shoulder, let us bring into our efforts the most intense enthusiasm, and a faith that we shall succeed, by the grace of God and the strength of Christ.

Your committee would suggest for the Association's consideration the following plan of work as suitable to all our churches:

First. To fight the enemy hand to hand, at the present, and by all honest means.

Second. To give such instruction in all departments of our church work as will prepare every man and woman, every boy and girl, to see the saloon in its true light, and alcohol as the enemy of the human family everywhere and always.

First, then, the plan for present attack:

Let us call our regiment for temperance work the Anti-Saloon League of the First Congregational Church of———, or of the place, if church people and outsiders can be united. Let it be a union of all the temperance elements in the church and place into a co-operative, non-partisan effort to suppress the saloon. To this end it will seek:—

(1) To prevent the granting of license to saloons in communities where not now granted.

(2) To strive for the revocation of such license where already granted.

(3) To force a compliance with the laws regulating the saloon, such as midnight closing, Sunday and holiday closing, selling to confirmed drunkards, to minors, and to Indians.

(4) To drive out brothels, beer-gardens and all places of indecent lust that go hand in hand with the saloon.

(5) To prevent gambling by enforcing the law relating thereto.

(6) To circulate petitions and arouse public sentiment in cases where to refrain from agitating the question would allow an evil to do its work.

(7) To raise money to prosecute violators of the law, thus preventing the "County cost" argument, which when raised tells so greatly against all reform movements.

(8) To lay plans and canvass votes for local elections in which the interests of temperance are involved.

(9) To arrange for speeches on practical temperance citizenship just before local elections.

(10) To keep alive every organization that has temperance for its object, whether connected with our local churches or independent of them.

The second part of the plan is that for giving instruction on temperance in every separate part of our present church organization.

(1) The pulpit should, at least four times in the year and on set dates, preach on temperance themes.

(2) Once each quarter there should be called a temperance mass-meeting with a popular program. This meeting should be a union of all the departments of the church.

(3) The mid-week prayer meeting should, at least once a month, bring up the saloon-evil as a theme for prayer and conference. Brother Burr, of the Perris church, gives the following list as one which they found exceedingly helpful:

"In January and February last we made our regular Wednesday night prayer-meeting a 'temperance prayer-meeting' for six consecutive weeks, using the following list of topics: January 22—'Narrow and Broad in Temperance Work.' January 29—'Steps towards Temperance.' February 5—'True Manliness and the Drink-Habit.' February 12—'The Business of Drunkard-making.' February 19—'A Noted Temperance Worker.' (This was a study of the life and work of Lady Henry Somerset.) February 26—'An Irresistible Argument.''

(4) The Sunday-School, at least once a quarter, should be brought face to face with the enormity and deadly character of the drink-habit.

(5) The several Endeavor Societies should also have a quarterly meeting on the same topic.

We are well convinced that if this plan—not that it is the best possible, but it is a plan—if this plan be adopted heartily, worked faithfully and enthusiastically, there will result a "ditching of the devil's chariot." Those brethren who, because they have no saloons or drug stores, do not need the first part of this plan, can give all the more time to the training of their young people so as to send them out into the world to help in the general cause of righteousness.

That this kind of work pays we are assured by those who have had experience in it. Nine years of such education in the town of Poway, through a Good Templars' Lodge, renders it possible to make such a report as the following: "There has never been a saloon in the community, and such is the character

of the community that the question of having a saloon is not even a talkable one. I do not know of a habitual drunkard in the place, nor even a habitual drinker."

Fellow-workers, since 1888 we have, at our State meetings passed resolutions condemning the liquor-traffic, and recommending that we unite at the ballot-box to overthrow the saloon-curse. What has been accomplished? We have condemned the traffic; but the traffic has only grinned back at us in its satanic glee, unscathed by our strong words. We have made recommendations that we as Christians unite at the ballot-box; but it has been almost impossible to do so. After our strong resolutions of last year, many who have for years used the franchise against the saloon tell us that they are not going to vote for Prohibition this year.

Is it not time for us to quit playing at temperance, or masquerading as temperance reformers? Is it not time for us to use every part of our church organization to put this evil under foot? Is it not time for us at least to stand shoulder to shoulder in the attempt to save the rising generation from such a curse in the coming age? Then let us adopt this plan generally among the churches. Change it, modify it, if we will, but let us adopt some plan which we will carry faithfully into practice. If we do this, the liquor crime must fall before us.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

REV. H. P. CASE, SUPERINTENDENT.

I. *The National Work* of the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society.

The sixty-fourth annual report of the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, to February 29, 1896, says of its Missionary Department:

The Workers.—Thirty-four superintendents and missionaries have represented us in the various fields, East, West, and South.

The Results.—Five hundred and sixty-six new Sunday-Schools have been organized, and a large number reorganized; some of the latter with ease, and others with almost more difficulty than at the beginning. Through the evangelistic work of our missionaries in many communities some hundreds have been added to the churches, at least 175 in one field, and less in others, but very considerable numbers. The German, Norwegian, Swedish, French, and Italian papers have all been helped to continue their Christian influence through the year. About fifty Congregational churches have been organized, which have grown from the work started by us.

Finances.—The receipts from living donors have decreased from the previous year by nearly $3,000; the legacies having decreased by nearly $19,000. Our Business Department made the customary appropriation to the administration of the missionary work of $5,000. All this with a balance of nearly $4,000, with which we began the year, amounted to $67,835.75. While our income thus was diminished by $22,051.13, our available funds for the year were only $4,366.81 less than before.

II. *Southern California Work.*

A.—*Status of the Field.* It covers nine counties, with a school population of 60,682 scattered through six hundred school districts. Outside of the ten principal cities and towns are about 30,000 children in five hundred and ninety school districts. In two hundred of these are no Sunday-Schools, thus leaving

10,000 children without the systematic Bible-teaching of the Sunday-School. Prevalent everywhere are the evils of Sabbath desecration, profanity, intemperance, and worldliness. What manner of citizens of either *this* State or the world-to-come will these neglected ones become?

Your Sunday-School Missionary makes the following

B.—*Report of twelve months' Work, closing Sept. 30, 1896.*

New schools organized by Supt.	18
New schools organized by others, but aided by us	6
Total Membership of New Schools	574
Schools reorganized	5
Schools visited by the Supt	65
Grants of Literature to our Schools	85
Cost of said gifts	$258.00
Sermons and Addresses delivered	185
Miles traveled in the work	10,582
Office and traveling expenses	$284.90
Total receipts on the field	$490.97

Besides these tabulated labors and results could be told many other things indicative of progress in our Missionary Sunday-School Work. Pastors and laymen have materially aided us in opening and fostering new schools, and have given more or less oversight and help to a score of our older mission schools.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the favors in traveling and entertainment received from railroads, steamboat lines, and individuals, which reduced our traveling expenses one-half or more.

Fully one-half our time is now required in revisiting, encouraging and reorganizing, if need be, the more than seventy-five mission schools on our list. Such labors may not *report* as *attractively* as "New Work," but they are even more important. For it is the purpose of our Sunday-School Society not only to start Bible-study schools, but to *establish* them and train them toward Congregational churches, hoping for the speedy following of the Congregational Home Missionary Society to assume pastoral care of these schools.

We cannot report any work done along instructional lines save an occasional address, or a conference with Committees of District Associations. We keep before our seventy-five church schools the standing offer of aid to their work by means of a "Sunday-School Institute" or Normal Class Exercise—but

there have been no calls for such services. The inference might be drawn that our schools have perfected their methods "and have need of nothing"—but this is not true! Not a few of our schools are far below the ideal standard. Of this lack some are partially conscious. Nearly every one of our schools needs improvement along the lines of primary work, home-department work, classifying and grading, teacher-preparation, use of lesson helps and literature, and especially the intensifying of the sense of duty and responsibility of the church for the highest success of its own Bible-school.

C.—*The Work that Waits.*

1. *Pastoral Care will be needed* for our mission schools. There are seventy-five that need such aid. Already about one-third of them have occasional visits from our pastors in whose vicinage these schools are located. Another third might have similar help if pastors within reach could spare the time or would send as substitutes some of their members. This would leave only the last third to expect semi-annual visits from the Sunday-School Missionary. Any pastor seeking to adopt a mission or branch Sunday-School will be furnished one on application.

As it has been, the missionary can promise only one visit a year to these "orphan" schools. It is not pleasant to hear the entreaty, "Please don't let it be a year until you come back! We have not heard a sermon since you were last here."

2. *Better Equipment* of our Church Schools *waits.*

A year ago 73 schools reported over 7,000 enrolled; their numbers are doubtless more now. For one hour a week 700 teachers are trying to teach these 7,000 the Word of God "for the purpose of bringing souls to Christ and training up souls in Christ." What is their success? Are our churches satisfied with the visible results? If not, what are you going to do about it?

3. There *waits* a *larger co-operation* with the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society on *the part of Congregational forces in Southern California.* This Society is the recognized national organ of the Congregational Churches for Missionary Sunday-School Work. It has been at work *in Southern California nearly ten years.* Some of the results of its work are well known. Two hundred schools have been started by it in this part of the State. Out of these have grown 22 Congregational churches; and a score more if cultivated sufficiently would yield the same harvest. About two score of these schools have been adopted

(sometimes forcibly) by other Denominations because *we* could not "pastor" them. Nearly four score are still in filial relations with us.

Besides this the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society has for nearly ten years granted freely to church and mission schools annually more than $200 worth of the best Sunday-School literature. In view of all this, is it unseemly to ask, Are the Congregational friends and forces in Southern California making a suitable financial response? Their offerings have not yet averaged quite one-fourth of the annual expenditures in this district.

During the twelve months past, only three of our seventy-five churches as *churches* gave anything to the work of this Society; and only fifty-seven of their schools gave a Children's Day offering. Of fifty or more Christian Endeavor Societies only *one* gave anything as a society.

Of the money received in this field the past twelve months we gladly report $70 coming through the Southern California Woman's Home Missionary Union. Doubtless they can do more in the future; for why should 120 Woman's Missionary Societies in Connecticut be so concerned about Sunday-School Missionary Work in Southern California, as to contribute annually to its support, while the Congregational women of Southern California (some of them) forget this most important agency for evangelizing their next-door neighbors' children?

I don't object to our Sunday-School children shedding tears over and sending pennies to "Borrioboola-Gha"—but let them also have a chance to extend practical sympathy to the un-Sunday-Schooled and unsaved California children in the adjoining county. Christ died for *these* as well as for *those!*

4. Lastly—There still *waits* the work of providing a place of Bible study for the 10,000 Sunday-School-less Southern California children, who are scattered in more than 200 school districts outside of any city or town. It will require more than one year's labor and expense to accomplish this. It will cost time, labor, travel, visitation, persuasion, patience, and prayer.

"Out in the desert He heard their cry.
So feeble and helpless and ready to die."

But—

"Hark! 'tis the Master's voice I hear,
Out in the desert, loud and clear;
Bring them in from the fields of sin,
Bring the little ones to Jesus."

Will *you* help?

REPORT OF HOME MISSION SUPERINTENDENT.

REV. JAS. T. FORD.

The period of hardship in home mission work chronicled in our last two annual reports still continues. For three years the cinch has gradually been tightened. Our apportionment from New York for work in Southern California is $900 less than we received last year—$2,050 less than we received in 1893. This has meant reduced grants to missionaries; and the same causes that have reduced their aid from without have reduced also their income from their own fields. Several churches have become discouraged and meditated suicide, but have been withheld from the fatal step, and now hold on to life, some with desperate determination and some with new hope and courage. We have been compelled to discontinue needed work in destitute places for want of means to sustain it. We have turned a deaf ear to calls for the organization of new churches, because we could give them no aid. Earlier in the year than ever before the stipends of our missionaries have been delayed because money from the churches has been slower than ever in reaching the treasury. The receipts of the Society for the first five months of the current year—April to August inclusive—were $67,000 less than for the corresponding months of last year. In August we received this message from New York: "In cases where churches reach self-support, or a pulpit remains unsupplied, thus releasing money appropriated under this schedule, the sums saved in this way, or in any way, instead of being expended in new work or otherwise, must be turned back into the treasury." Heretofore, when a church, to whose pastor $400 has been granted for twelve months from a certain date, has been left pastorless for three months of that time, $100 has been credited to us to be used for other work. We have depended on such credits to answer calls for aid made late in the year. This resource being cut off, two, perhaps three, of our missionaries who might otherwise have been aided are left without aid for the remainder of the year. Three other missionaries have from the beginning of their year of service, though receiving small income from their people,

voluntarily relinquished home missionary aid. The average present receipts of these six for their work is not more than $25 each per month.

The *Home Missionary* for October, after setting forth the condition of the Society's treasury, says: "Meanwhile the missionaries are toiling manfully, uncomplainingly, sharing the sharp pinch of the times with their people, making the best of everything, willing to practice self-denial for so noble a cause, glad to know more intimately and to follow more closely the Master they serve, even if it must be through the fellowship of His sufferings." Yes; but somebody must be shirking somewhere while these are left to bear the burden. I think it is true that many of our mission churches share their crust equally and reely with the minister. I think it is also true that some of our stronger churches and better supported ministers are alive to the duty and privilege of burden-sharing with the weaker and poorer. But so long as our last national census blazons the fact that the average increase per year of the wealth of Protestant church members of this country for the ten years previous was more than 400,000,000 of dollars—more than four times as much as all their gifts for the support of the Gospel at home and abroad—somebody must have been shirking somewhere, or the habitual poverty pinch of our mission work would have been greatly relieved. Applying the same rule to the present time, with suitable allowance for the existing financial depression, somebody must be shirking somewhere to-day.

When all our richer churches make their expenditures not simply in view of their own present seeming wants, but in loving Christian view of the needs of humbler churches, remembering that we are all members one of another, and when all the members of all our churches give, week by week, as the Lord hath prospered them, having their ears open first of all to the claims of the Lord's work, we shall hear no more of starving churches and ministers, or of communities perishing for want of the bread of life.

Turning from the shadow to the light, let us consider the progress made in our mission work since our last annual report. Two new churches have been organized—Norwalk and Central-avenue, Los Angeles. The work at Norwalk was not sought, but rather sought us, and presented such claims as could not be denied. Besides, a church there was needed to work hand-in-

hand with the church at Buena Park, that the two might be mutually supporting and require no aid. The work at Central-avenue was begun the preceding year, and this year, through unexpected favoring circumstances, ripened suddenly into church organization.

Bethel church, San Bernardino, by recommendation of Council, voted to disband, gave letters to its members, and conveyed its house of worship to the Church Building Society. But the enterprise refuses to die, and without formal church organization has a larger Sunday-school and congregation than heretofore.

Long-neglected work among our Spanish-speaking neighbors has been begun at Pomona and vicinity by Rev. Alden B. Case, for many years a missionary in Mexico, and God has blessed its beginning. This work has been aided sparingly by special gifts, but will hereafter need aid from the treasury of our Society.

We have prayed in years past for our neighbors of Italian birth, that they might be blessed through the preaching of the Word; and now the Lord has sent our Brother Nardi, who has already gathered a company of converts. Brethren, "they of Italy salute you." Will you give them the hand of practical fellowship by helping to furnish a pastor for their infant church?

Four houses of worship have been built or otherwise provided during the year: at Dehesa, Central-avenue—Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo and Whittier. One begun earlier at Santa Monica has been completed. Two at Avalon and Villa Park have been repaired and enlarged. At three other points—La Mesa, Norwalk and West End, Los Angeles—money has been subscribed for building and the work initiated.

All our mission fields have been regularly supplied throughout the year, with the exception of the desert stations along the Mojave river. These, which greatly need an earnest, consecrated, self-denying missionary, are left destitute for lack of means to support the work. We hoped to be able to send them a preacher as soon as the summer heats were passed, but unless some missionary can take the field at his own charges in addition to the gifts of the people, or unless some brother in whose hands the Lord has placed money finds that it is placed there to support this work, it appears to be impossible. Where is the man or the money appointed of the Lord to carry the Gospel to that neglected region?

We have no figures to indicate properly our increase in membership to date, for three-fourths of a year have passed since the last numbering of our churches. But there has been an obvious advance, which, though it cannot be measured by numbers now, will be, in time to come—an advance in consecration and spiritual power. It appears in reports from our missionaries of increased interest in prayer-meeting, Endeavor Society and the study of the Word; of a new enthusiasm to evangelize their whole special field, a new seeking of the baptism of the Spirit, and more frequent inquiries for an evangelist who can give real aid in soul-saving work. If we mistake not the signs, the prayer, "Lord, revive thy work," goes up oftener and more earnestly, and the answer is coming.

Our contributions for the year ending April 1st, as credited in the *Home Missionary*, were $5,611.45. But of this sum $1,000 was a legacy of Mrs. Edna H. Keagle of the Lugonia Terrace church, Redlands, and $543 was made up of contributions to cancel the debt of the previous year, so that only $4,068.45 were contributed by our churches and their auxiliary societies for the current expenses of the year. We had promised the Society to do our best to raise $4,750 for these expenses. We fell far short of it, but the added gift by the hand of the dead more than made up the amount expected of us, and though not reckoned toward the fulfillment of our promise, helped grandly to forward our country's home mission work. In like manner the ordinary receipts of our National Society for the work of the year would have fallen short of its appropriations to the amount of $72,000, had not the legacy of Mr. Stickney been received just in time to close the year without debt. Surely the Lord bringeth to pass when our efforts fail. We write upon the record of the past year "Jehovah Jireh"—the Lord will provide.

But what for the current year? And what for the year to come? We have promised to do our best this year to raise $5,000. The apportionment of money made to us at the beginning of the year included this sum, and was based upon the expectation that this $5,000 would be raised among ourselves. This is less than one dollar per resident member, and we have been accustomed heretofore far to exceed this rate. For the six years preceding 1894, the average yearly collections were $1.42 per member. Alas, that we should have feared this year to make our estimate of probable collections conform to the standard of these former years!

We have come to a critical period in our home missionary history. We need to enlarge our work. Sunday-schools have been planted far in advance of the work of the home missionary. The sixty Sunday-schools reported last year by Superintendent Case as needing pastoral care in order to permanence, forty-nine of which are beyond the reach of our organized churches, still need this care. A half-dozen itinerant missionaries would only imperfectly meet this demand. The home mission evangelist, greatly needed, is not yet supplied. Our desert work should be renewed. The Spanish mission begun should be supported and enlarged. Strangers of still other nationalities wait for the Gospel. All this, besides frequent calls for new churches in promising settlements, which cannot be established without our aid. Three thousand dollars more than we now have would but poorly enable us to take up this waiting work.

How can we move forward? Not by waiting for aid from New York. Other districts and other departments of work present a more urgent appeal to our home mission secretaries. The work among immigrants of other tongues makes increasing demands upon them. Their annual appropriations for it are five times greater than they were ten years ago, and must continue to increase. The work in the great cities (which of late are growing so rapidly as to leave church growth far behind) now absorbs one-third of the receipts of our Society; and because these cities are centers of such tremendous and far-reaching influence, will doubtless in the future with good reason claim even more. The new work in "the New South" is increasing with accelerated movement, and we have no more important commission from the Lord than to aid by planting the free church in the regeneration of that part of our country. The six States and Territories that lie between us and the Rocky mountains—Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana, with a population in 1890 of 683,000, three times the population of Southern California—have now only one-third as many Congregational church members as we—only one-ninth as many in proportion to population; and our work in this region has not lagged behind that of other denominations. In 1880, according to Dr. Dorchester, in Idaho only one in 33 of the population was in some Protestant Evangelical church; in Montana, one in 36; in Nevada, one in 46; in Utah, one in 224; in New Mexico, one in 657; in Arizona, one in 685. Evidently in this estimate Mormons as well as Catholics were left out, and figures of to-day would

doubtless make better showing; but the dark background of godlessness is still there. We have a mission to these our neighbors. They come to Southern California as to "God's country." We are called to extend God's country over their domain.

Can we without a blush ask increased home mission aid for Southern California? If we should ask it, can we expect it? The gradual reduction of the last three years means a policy of reduction, to be continued in the future. What then? Shall we curtail our work? Shall we starve our missionaries? God forbid that we should abate one jot or tittle in aggressiveness of work, or in generous care for the workers! Let us rather advance our standard and organize victory in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

But how shall we do it if New York withdraws its accustomed help? *We* have the means. Five churches last year contributed at the rate of two dollars per member for home missions. Let all the churches do the same. Not less than ten of our churches, having apparently no more pecuniary ability than others, raise each fifteen or more dollars per member yearly for church expenses. Let all our churches do as well, and with these two movements made hand in hand, we can support our present work without aid from the East. On this plan several of our mission churches will come to self-support, and we shall have an abundance to aid the rest. The attainment of this result is not impossible. This average could be secured, some churches doing more and some less, according to their ability, without impoverishing one of them.

Whether this shall be accomplished depends largely upon our ministers. The minister must be the soul of the work—the minister in the mission church kindling an enthusiasm for self-support; the ministers in all our churches giving information as a basis for intelligent action, systematizing the work and giving life and momentum to every effort. Whatever be the method of collection, whether envelope method, the method of personal solicitation by well-chosen collectors, the "Extra Cent a Day Band," or the multiplication of Sabbath collections, let it be remembered that the method will not work itself. It is the man behind the movement, inspiring, energizing, wisely directing it, that compels success. Let him work through his auxiliary societies and the Sunday-school, but let his supreme effort be

made in his appeals to his congregation. Last year the contributions of our Woman's Missionary societies to our treasury exceeded by 45 per cent. those of the preceding year. All honor to them for it. But the contributions credited to the congregations were considerably less than those of the year before. Enthusiasm for missions must not be left to the women only of our congregations, and will not be, if the pastor fulfills his part in the pulpit and in the councils of the church.

Finally, let us not forget that our machinery is effective only as the living Spirit is in the wheels; that to secure the consecration of money as well as the salvation of souls, there must be an enduement of power from on high. Let us pray:

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers,"

and in answer to that prayer, there will be a loosing of purse-strings, a coming forth in full measure of the Lord's money for the Lord's work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee have held four meetings, and have been faithful in attendance. Without going into matters covered by other reports, we may say in general that our work has been the difficult one of trying to make $11,000 cover a field urgently needing $15,000. You who have served on this or similar committees know how it is done. When we are ready for business, Secretary Ford begins with application blank No. 1. We listen to the preliminaries relating to location, membership, prospects, etc., and finally to the all-important question, "What is the least amount that will suffice from the Home Missionary Society for the year?" The church sending this application has acted conscientiously, and has cut the amount asked for to the lowest possible limit. We know the pastor well. He has a young family, and no other sources of income than his field and the grant from the Society. Every dollar cut from that application will work a hardship to that man; but glancing from the application before us to the pile yet to be read, and remembering that $11,000 must cover applications amounting to $15,000, what can we do but reduce the amount recommended?

And thus we proceed through the list. Occasionally there is an application from a field that must have the full amount, or ruinously cripple the work; but this means a deeper cut somewhere else. There is but one remedy for this—larger gifts. And to secure these larger gifts, there must be an earnest, faithful presentation of the great needs by all our pastors. Brethren, we are too modest about money matters for the Lord. Information, a knowledge of the needs of our Home Mission fields, will go a long way towards filling our treasuries for the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION, 1895-1896.

(CONDENSED.)

The various reports sent in by the officers at this time, from which to condense a report of the past year, give a most encouraging result. They show fidelity in all our branches, an increase in missionary knowledge and spirit pervading our older societies and extending to new and remote fields.

County conventions have been held, and much literature—including publications of our own—has been circulated. Twenty-eight societies have come in during the year, of which seven are senior, twelve are young people's, and nine are children's and Sabbath-school societies. We have a total of eighty-two societies now included in this organization.

The Treasurer reports:

Receipts since our last Annual Meeting, October 2nd, 1895:

From Senior auxiliaries	$1473.68
" Y. P. S. C. E. and Young People's Miss. Societies.	238.63
" Junior C. E. Mission Bands and Sunday-schools..	135.61
Donations from friends (of which $269 from Mrs. Ford).	380.50
Collections	16.37
Total	$2244.79
On hand October 2, 1895	73.13
Total	$2317.92

Disbursed as follows:

To Congregational Home Missionary Society	$1273.42
" Cong'l Church Building Society and kindred work..	445.75
" American Missionary Association	200.25
" Congregational Education Society (Pomona College)	227.50
" Cong'l Sunday-school and Publishing Society	60.50
" Ministerial Relief Fund	1.20
" Expense	43.55
	$2252.17
Cash on hand	65.75
	$2317.92

The details of this report will be published in our annual report. The total amount contributed during the past year is thirty per cent. more than during the previous year, and ninety per cent. more than two years ago. Shall we not *keep* this pace? Shall not the mothers, sisters, young people and children, sheltered at our Christian hearthstones, prove a mighty vanguard leading the Christian forces to the taking and holding of our home-land for Christ?

MRS. W. J. WASHBURN, SECRETARY.

Oct. 8, 1896.

REPORT ON THE

STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

REV. J. S. JEWELL.

The last day of August a circular letter was sent out to each of our seventy-five Congregational churches in Southern California. After three weeks another similar letter was dispatched to about one-half this number of churches, still delinquent. In a few instances this was followed by a third notification. And there remain to-day ten churches from which no report has come. To the question, "Wherefore?" we are brought face to face with difficulties. Among them we may mention:

1. Frequent changes of pastors.

2. The unseasonable time of the year in which to gather statistics. It is vacation time still in many instances, and pastors and church clerks are away, while calls for reports may either weary in following them up, wait their return, or find the waste-basket. And, besides, when they reach home, many things are waiting for them, and days pass before even an imperfect schedule of items can be gathered and forwarded.

3. Another difficulty is with the pastors and clerks themselves. It is easy sometimes even for the best of people to forget. From one clerk comes the statement: "Am sorry for the delay, but our pastor carried the circular in his pocket until it

was nearly worn out before he handed it to me." And more than one pastor indicated, very kindly of course, that his church clerk may have been in fault.

GENERAL HEALTH OF THE CHURCHES.

From the sixty-five reports sent in, we glean the encouraging fact that a very comfortable condition of health and prosperity exists among our churches, notwithstanding the "hard times" and the "Presidential campaign." But few really discouraging notes reach the ear from any quarter of our Zion. I have been surprised to find so many good things to be said, and so much of hopeful outlook in times so universally conceded to be bad. Whether the eye of Him who is continually "walking among the golden candlesticks" and "knows our works" sees as man seeth or not, the work done, oftentimes under great difficulties, and the spiritual growth and enlargement as it appears to human ken, is a matter of sincere gratitude and thanksgiving.

On a visit to California, something more than eight years ago, just as the "boom" collapsed, I heard everywhere groans over depreciated values in real estate; and among the pastors of depreciated values in Christianity. It seemed to be a question with many whether California climate was as good for the soul as for the body. More than one pastor spoke very discouragingly of Christian life and spiritual work on this Coast. But to-day, my brethren, whatever our anxious forebodings, this encouragement comes up from every whither, that the seed sown is bearing fruit. "The Word of God doth not return void; it prospers in the thing whereto it is sent." It has sometimes been questioned whether corporations have souls. But here certainly is a corporation which has a soul. A church has both a material and a spiritual existence. Sometimes both prosper or decay together, and sometimes one declines while the other flourishes. And because the church carries with it the very life of God, it is not an easy thing for a church, however small or weak, to die. The only natural, and possibly we may say, the only honorable death for any church is when all its members die or remove, or are absorbed into the life of some other church for the greater good of the community.

Yet churches do die. And we have to record the fact that two of our churches have reported that they are surely dead. One year ago the church of Westminster appeared upon our roll,

numbering twenty-four members, seventeen of them resident. September 7th the former clerk wrote me as follows: "The Congregational church in Westminster ceased to be about six months ago." A still more pathetic strain comes from the clerk at Hesperia. Under date of September 6th, he says: "For one year or more the church at this place has been suspended. No organization. I am the only one left, and I go September 20th." One other church, possibly, may be mentioned in this connection. The Year-Book gives the name Ballena, as organized 1889. In '90 and '91 J. T. Wood (Baptist) is put down as minister. In '92 nine members are reported. In '93 and '94 the Episcopal service seems to have been read by a layman; and since then, a Mr. Rowlands (another layman) writes me that he has continued to read the Episcopal service. He says: "We have service once every Sunday, if the weather be fine, and a reasonable number attend. We have no other work connected with the church." Whether this is a case of suspended animation or of actual dissolution, might be a question for a coroner's inquest.

But with these exceptions, the reports do indicate something more than a mere name to live. Some are small in numbers and find it hard to hold on, but are brave, both in laboring and in waiting. One, with only five members, reports "good spiritual health" and "holding the fort." Another clerk speaks of depletions until but three members remain, but closes with the cheering words, "We will hope for something brighter next time." Almost every report mentions the "hard times." With many it is verily a time that tries men's souls. Men out of work, families going elsewhere in search of something better, pastor's salary running behind; and yet in the face of these hard times, it has been a marked year of

PAYING DEBTS.

Los Angeles First heads the list, reducing her mortgage indebtedness by $2,000. San Bernardino follows, with the encouraging statement that a budget of debts, accumulating through seven, most of them good years, amounting to $1,396, is being entirely consumed in this one poor year. Also $300 have been paid to the Church Building Society on parsonage loan. Plymouth church, Los Angeles, has paid a long-standing indebtedness of $800, and reports, notwithstanding the effort to unite with Olivet did not succeed, the most hopeful outlook in her history. Santa Ana has paid $400 on her indebtedness; Ontario,

$300; Escondido, $300—becoming thus out of debt. Moreno has paid a debt of $265 to her pastor, of some years standing. Needles pays $125, and goes out of debt. Pico Heights pays the last $100 on parsonage; and Perris makes the last payment on the same. Santa Barbara, Vernondale and Bloomington may also be numbered among the churches that are taking steps to square up outstanding accounts in this year of extreme financial depression. The payment of honest debts with honest money in times of financial stringency is one sign of good health among the churches, and sound creed. There is a cheerful ring to a score or more of reports as they close the financial outlook with, "Out of debt!" "Out of debt!"

CHURCH BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

These also have kept pace with many of the better years. Needles rejoices in a new carpet and pulpit chair; Rialto in screens for windows and doors, with a gift of $25 towards a new steeple. Vernondale has parsonage improvements, new organ and hymn-books. Monrovia has papered and otherwise improved the interior of her church building. Pasadena North has enlarged her church edifice, and added new hymn-books. Bethlehem church dedicated her institutional building, free of debt, the 10th of November last. San Jacinto has fresh paint and paper to beautify her Sabbath home. She has also purchased a lot for $400, and hopes ere long to see a new church building go up upon it. Nordhoff has new hymn-books and additional chairs. Whittier has a new church-edifice, which was to have been opened for worship about October 1st without debt. San Diego First is making a successful push to supply itself with a long-felt need in the shape of a commodious edifice. A subscription amounting to about $18,000 has been raised, lots purchased, and plans are waiting for a beautiful building, to cost not less than $15,000. Brother Norton writes: "This building movement means the new birth of the church, a new era of progress." All honor to the self-sacrificing men and women who dare to plan a noble temple of praise to God, in spite of the hard times. Los Angeles Third adds 400 volumes to its Sunday-school library. Pomona, Claremont, and several other churches improve their worship with new hymn-books. San Luis Obispo is worshiping in a commodious building, bought of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at less than half its original cost. One thousand dollars of the two thousand to be paid have already

been paid, or are subscribed. Riverside welcomed its new pastor to a freshly renovated and garnished parsonage. Redlands has painted its building, bought an adjoining lot for hitching purposes, and through the generosity of A. K. Smiley, beautified its church grounds. Avalon joyfully records: "Out of debt; money in treasury to paint church, get hymn-books, and, perhaps, a piano." Villa Park has added a Sunday-school room, painted and decorated her church building, all being paid for. Mentone has added one hundred volumes to her Sunday-school library, beautified her grounds, and made inside improvements. Long Beach has the pleasure of crediting her Ladies' Aid Society with a new piano. Flinn Valley has purchased an organ and hymn-books; Lugonia Terrace a new carpet. San Diego Second has improved the interior of her building and put in new hymn-books. Santa Monica is teeming with new things; $350 have been raised, and with it the inside of the church building finished. A friend has given a piano, another a cupboard for dishes, two flower-stands, etc. Los Angeles First painted the exterior of its church edifice, expended several hundred dollars on the interior, and put in an organ so big that its "sound has gone forth into all the earth." La Mesa, although not yet a year old, is erecting a new church building, which will be wholly paid for when finished. Los Angeles Central-avenue has secured a lot and building, "mainly," the clerk writes, "through the efforts of our former pastor, C. S. Vaile."

NEW CHURCHES.

Three churches have been organized during the year—La Mesa, Central-avenue and Norwalk. One of them, as we have seen, is already housed, and another in a fair way to be. The best thing about all these improvements, and that which rings out in every report, is that *they are paid for*.

Many of the home missionary churches have had to struggle hard with the financial problem during the year, and yet have managed, for the most part, to reduce their applications for aid. One, South Riverside, has come to self-support; and Olivet reports: "We do not owe a dollar, and hope in future to stand without missionary aid, with God's help."

PASTORAL CHANGES.

There have been less than the usual number of pastoral changes during the year—about one in five—while few of the churches are pastorless to-day. Olivet has made two changes in

about a year—the present pastor being Rev. F. A. Field. Plymouth welcomed the Rev. N. T. Edwards with the beginning of the year. Rev. W. H. McDougall was welcomed to Claremont July 1st. Nordhoff captured Rev. F. F. Pearse from Los Angeles Third in April last, and for two months the vacant church was happily supplied by the assistant pastor, Miss Yarrow, but now rejoices in the pastoral care of Rev. C. S. Billings. Chula Vista's pastor, Rev. W. A. McGinley, was called to his higher service in May, and Rev. H. E. Merrill commenced his pastorate July 1st. Vernondale called Rev. J. J. Findlay from Bethlehem church, and Rev. Dana W. Bartlett took his place the first of May. Highland is happy in the present incumbent, Rev. S. G. Lamb. Monrovia was in "heaviness for a season," when Brother Abbott retired to his first love at Sierra Madre, but was comforted by the advent of the Rev. C. S. Vaile from Central-avenue, Los Angeles. Rev. James Parsons of Vacaville was called to Central-avenue, and entered upon the work about August 20th. Rev. A. B. White came to Escondido just one year ago, and Rev. Allen Hastings was installed (I think the only installation in the year) at Rialto and Bloomington in January. Perhaps in the removal of our ministerial brethren from us, no one is so much missed, as we meet in this Association to-day, as our beloved brother, Rev. Theodore C. Hunt of Riverside, called last spring to the First church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Brother Hunt had been so long not only a part of Riverside, but of Southern California, that it seemed as though we were in danger of losing some of our glorious sunshine with the retiring of his smiling face. But we are assured that Riverside's mourning has been turned into rejoicing as its members "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" and look into the face of the new and welcome pastor, Rev. Edward F. Goff, from Aurora, Illinois. And now comes the news that Perris is sorrowing over the loss of our good Brother Burr; but what is her loss is Ventura's gain.

MEMBERSHIP.

Many of the reporting churches failed to give figures with regard to added members; but, so far as reported, those received by letter have been 715, and upon confession, 275. Those receiving the largest numbers into fellowship have been: Los Angeles First, 99—88 of them by letter; Pasadena First, 34; Escondido, 34—15 of them by confession; Redlands, 30; East Los Angeles, 29—15 by confession; Santa Barbara, 25—16 by confession; Pico Heights, 26—largely by confession; and Vernondale, 25.

BENEVOLENCE.

While the benevolence in many instances has dropped somewhat below that of former years, yet not in proportion to the closeness of the times. In some of the churches their very poverty has seemed to "abound unto the richness of their liberality." Many emphasize the fact that all the benevolences of the church find a place. And why should not every church aspire to this distinction?

Pomona College is mentioned in most of the reports with affectionate interest, as being remembered by some gift, however small. The same might be said of the Armenian sufferers. Comparatively few churches but have responded to the Macedonian call; some giving only to that, and, possibly, to the Church Building or Home Missionary Societies. A few churches report an increase of benevolence during the year; notably Pomona, always abounding in every good work, but this year surpassing the gifts of the previous year by a thousand dollars or more.

SPIRITUAL INTEREST.

The year has not been marked by any general revival movement. Many of the pastors have held some special meetings, with or without evangelistic help, but only in a few instances have they resulted in awakening and converting the impenitent. Churches themselves have been greatly quickened, and some have been added to the membership from the Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society, but only slight showers of heavenly blessing have seemed to fall upon the parched fields of sin.

At Pico Heights, revival services, conducted by Rev. C. S. Billings, were fruitful in awakening new interest in all the church work, and greatly increasing the Sabbath and prayer-meeting attendance, while some were led to commence a Christian life. At Santa Ana, Brother Cooper held a series of meetings during the month of September, at an out-station, of which he writes: "Twenty-four promised to live a Christian life, and nine are to unite with the Santa Ana church next Sunday." At Vernondale, mention is made that the savory influence of the revival of a year ago still lingers with them, while the Young People's Society and the Sunday-school have especially taken on new life since Brother Findlay went to them in April. The clerk of Olivet church writes, under date of September 26th: "Revival services are being held at the present time by Brother Bickford, and

with very good results." Perris held ten days' union service, which resulted in greatly encouraging the membership and in adding several new names to the roll. The fragrance of the faithful presentation of the Word by Brother Knodell, during a week of cordial help rendered last winter, still lingers in the church at South Riverside.

But while we cannot record extensive revivals, there is apparent something even possibly better than this, namely, the onward march and faithful work all along the line.

There are but few churches where the tune is pitched in a minor key. Now and then a pastor fears that his members are sitting among the willows by the "streams of Babylon." One writes, "Spiritually there is much to be desired in all departments." Another, "Spiritual interest not encouraging." Another speaks of the watchful tendencies of the shepherds of other folds to place their brand on some of his flock while he was absent on vacation. One of our most faithful and beloved pastors writes: "Nobody has time for the church. Something must be done."

But my own heart has been gladdened and my faith increased as I have opened report after report and read such cheering, oftentimes even triumphant, words as the following. The pastor of one of our larger churches says: "Congregations during winter and spring limited only by seating capacity of building; quite a number of conversions. There seems to be a wide-spread desire for a deep religious interest the coming year."

Another writes: "While there has at no time existed what we would call a revival, the additions by confession have been the largest in any year, decidedly outnumbering those by letter."

Another reports: "Congregations have increased in numbers. The evening service is much better attended. A growing increase in the attendance of men, and a decided spiritual interest is apparent."

Another says: "A larger proportion of the members than ever before make their power felt in all the departments of church-work."

Another: "Sabbath morning congregations large; no falling off for summer time. (Pastor took no vacation.) The mid-week prayer-meeting very largely attended. The pastor says it is the best prayer-meeting he ever saw."

And still another: "Congregations the largest in the history of the church; an earnest attention to the things of the Spirit,"

And such cheering notes as these come from some of the smaller and home missionary churches: "Spiritual condition has been excellent right through the year." "There are indications that the Holy Spirit is present at our Sunday services." "Sabbath congregations excellent; unusually so through the hot weather. Prayer-meeting trebled." "During the year the religious interest has been marked." "Twenty per cent. of seats have been added to accommodate worshipers. We are praying that a harvest of souls redeemed may be gathered into the kingdom of our Lord this winter." "The Word and the Spirit are helping to a better spiritual condition. Prayer-meetings well attended. During the summer the meetings on the beach were very large and very helpful in our work." Similar encouragements might be added from many others. More than fifty of our churches ring out these glad and hopeful notes of the Lord's work. The work of the Sunday-school and the Christian Endeavor Society is emphasized in almost every report. "Large attendance," "increased interest," "better work," "most helpful to the church," "growing in spiritual life and power." These are some of the inspiriting words that send the blood tingling in the veins. Some find their young people the very life of the church. Some of the clerks write beautiful words of their pastors, which they would do well to repeat to the pastor himself for encouragement.

Let us here to-day erect our stone of witness, that "hitherto the Lord hath helped," and for our future be assured that "no good thing will God withhold from them that walk uprightly."

Permit, in closing, four suggestions:

1. Let us, dear brethren, go home and organize, as has been already emphasized, more individual work. It is the hand-picked apples that last the longest.

2. Shall we not in the coming year *do* something in the temperance work worth reporting, and then report it?

3. Is there not room in many of our churches for more and better Bible-study, and may not pastors organize classes and encourage this work? "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." Let us hide it as the good seed in the heart.

4. Remember that "man's extremity is God's opportunity." Is not God calling us as churches and Christians, by these very trying times which we so much deplore, to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Him herewith, if He will not open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it"?

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. JESSE W. HOUGH, D. D., though not at the time of his death a member of this Association, was formerly a member, and died within its limits October 29, 1895. He was born in Groton, N. Y., November 26, 1832; was a graduate of Yale College and of Union Theological Seminary; was married July 27, 1858, to Miss Sarah Holmes, of Waterbury, Conn., who died April 5, 1877. He was ordained March 13, 1859, while pastor of a mission of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, New York City, and became pastor of the Congregational church in Williston, Vermont, August 15, 1860. He held pastorates afterward at Saginaw, Mich., Jackson, Mich., and Santa Barbara, Cal.; again at Jackson, Mich.; then of the American Church, Paris, France, where his pastoral services terminated in 1888. He came during that year, broken in health, to Santa Barbara—a quiet retreat for the remainder of his life among a people to whom he was endeared by a former seven years' ministry.

Those who have heard him preach, and especially those who have read any of the few discourses published in his lifetime, cannot help regretting that his sermons are, by his own request, now withheld from publication; for few preachers ever combined in better proportions the prime qualities of clearness, force and elegance, and few sermons in print are read with more interest than his would be.

The following estimate of his character and work is from a paper prepared to be read at the last meeting of the General Association by Mrs. Maria C. Kittredge, a member of his Santa Barbara church:

"We who recall him in his last days saw a spirit so chastened, so humble, leaning every moment upon the arm of the Elder Brother, that we could perhaps hardly realize the man as he was when youth and health were his portion. Yet he never lost, through all his later infirmities, the something that set him apart from common men. It was always a delight to be with him, and always his language and his thoughts lifted one above sordid and belittling associations.

"We can think of him as a boy in his early home, Groton, N. Y., thoughtful above his age, never wayward, eager in study, and full of longings for use in God's world. We could predict then that he would become a minister, and that his ministerial life would be full of blessed work.

"When in 1872 he came to California, to seek in this climate relief from the harsher airs of the East, we all knew at once that we had found one of God's best creations, or, rather, that he had found us. For seven years here in Southern California, no pastor held more influence in moulding society and helping to lift it to higher levels. Gentleness was his characteristic, but he did not lack force, or fervor, or courage. Nor did he lack a real understanding of the needs of the day, in this new, daring California land.

"We who can recall his sermons in the days of his ripened ministry, can only think of him as the 'silver-tongued.' His words flowed as freely and as musically as water flows over the mossy stones in the sweet valleys. His sermons were always carefully written, but were never stiff or formal. He was above all gifted in illustration, and many of his deepest themes can be recalled to our memories by some especially pertinent illustration, in itself often an instruction.

"In his private life he was always sympathetic, and the homes of the poor and the suffering knew him well. Always a student and reader, above all a thinker, his mind was rich in culture, but his modesty made him one of the humblest of men. Only those who knew him best knew the playful fancies, and witty conceits, and tender ministries, that, like the flowers' perfume, exhaled from his daily life. His was a character that ever reminds of Christ, his great Master, who also loved the lily and the field flowers, even as He loved humanity.

" 'His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, This was a man.' "

REV. WILLIAM ANDERSON MCGINLEY was born February 15th, 1831, of a Scotch-Irish family that have for 150 years occupied the same home at Fairfield, near Gettysburg, Pa. He pursued his college course at Gettysburg and Chambersburg, Pa. He read law and was admitted to the bar at Gettysburg. Afterward, about 1854 or 1855, he located in the practice of the law at Toledo, Iowa, then a rude frontier village. There, becoming interested in religious work, he abandoned the practice of the law, and for a short time taught Latin and Greek at the young University of Iowa at Iowa City.

From Iowa he went to Oberlin, Ohio, to pursue his preparation for the ministry, and afterward graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1857 or 1858. In July, 1860, he was married at Dudley, Mass., to Eliza B. Fay, of Shrewsbury, Mass.

His pastorates in the order of time were: Shrewsbury, Mass., seven years; Newburyport, Mass., four years; Gloversville, N. Y., six years; Brooklyn, N. Y., four years, where he was pastor of the Ross Street Presbyterian Church, which he lifted out of a crushing and theretofore hopeless state of indebtedness. Worn out with his labors there, he next took a charge at Greenfield, Mass., for a year and a half; then at Portsmouth, N. H., for ten years.

Thence he removed to Emporia, Kan., for two years, where he had an attack of "la grippe" from which he never fully recovered. From Emporia he returned to Shrewsbury, Mass., for about three years, thus rounding out the cycle of his ministry on the Atlantic coast at the place where he received his first charge and married the wife of his youth.

Finally, considerations of the health of himself and relatives brought him to California. He commenced his work as pastor of the church of Chula Vista, May 24th, 1895. His death occurred at his home in that place, and after an illness of some six weeks, on May 25, 1896, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, and in the thirty-ninth of his continuous service in the ministry.

The whole community at Chula Vista gathered at the church to testify their grief at the loss of their beloved pastor. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., of San Diego, who was the immediate successor of Mr. McGinley as pastor of the Congregational church of Emporia, Kan. Dr. Norton gave strong testimony to the high esteem in which Brother McGinley was held in that college town.

Judge Haines, in his address on that occasion, among other things said:

"It was no ordinary blessing that this community for one golden though broken year should have been under the influence of this remarkable man. From that early sermon by which he arrested our attention, in which he said to us, with the manly directness so characteristic, 'I shall speak as I believe—do you think as you please'—we have found that we were being led into larger faith and into that larger liberty wherewith Christ makes us free—a liberty in which he himself lived and loved and taught.

"The variety, the freshness and power, the exquisite harmony of his spoken discourse we shall in the time to come fondly recall. Upon his personal dignity and grace and charm, the freshness of our bereavement prevents us from speaking, while all that through which it shone yet lies before us in the silent majesty of death."

M. L. Ward, Esq., an appreciative hearer, writes concerning him: "He was a man of unusual gentleness and of great power. None were too humble to receive his most kindly ministrations, and none too wise to be indifferent to his scholarly discourses. He was a devout Christian and a safe religious teacher. His sympathies were broad. He had great charity, but he was a man of uncompromising fidelity to the doctrines of the Christian religion."

REV. MILTON S. PHILLIPS was born in Roxbury, N. H., February 15th, 1853. He was the son of Joseph and Rebecca Phillips. When he was a child his parents moved to Tuscambia, Mo., where his boyhood was spent on the farm. His father fought in the Civil War, and died from a wound in August, 1863. Thus the boy was trained in the atmosphere of patriotism and love of human freedom.

When eighteen years of age he gave his heart to Christ. Four years later he commenced studying for the Christian ministry. He graduated from Drury College in 1880 and from Yale Divinity School in 1883. On May 22nd of the same year, he married Hattie R. Dixon of New Haven, the daughter of a Methodist minister. As a true and faithful wife she aided him in his noble calling, and assiduously cared for him through his long

and final illness. After his marriage he returned to Missouri and began his ministry, preaching at Holden, and later at Blue Springs. In 1886 he accepted an urgent call to Long Ridge, Ct. In 1888 he took a post-graduate course at New Haven. He became pastor of Ferry Street church of that city in 1889, and remained three years. Failing health compelled him to accept an inland charge at Chaplin in 1892. The severe winters at Chaplin brought on a return of his disease. In 1893 his people gave him leave of absence. He came to the Pacific Coast seeking health. A summer was spent in the mountains of Washington and a winter at Redlands. His health was so much improved that his physicians advised him not to return to Connecticut, but to locate in California.

Receiving a call to the Highland church in 1894, he resigned his charge at Chaplin, and accepted the will of God in the western pastorate. But health regained soon gave way. Two months were spent on the mountains without relief; then he resigned his charge. To the honor of his church, be it said, they declined to accept his resignation, and advised him to retain the pastoral oversight and secure pulpit supplies. This continued for a year. Finally our dear brother, seeing that God willed that he should never resume the work so dear to his heart, resigned the pastorate.

Gradually the dread disease, consumption, claimed him for its own. On September 3rd, 1896, he fell asleep in Jesus. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his early decease.

Nothing could be more inspiring than his peaceful resignation to God's will in the school of suffering. He passionately loved his calling. Few can appreciate his struggle as he entered his Gethsemane to lay down the mantle of the pulpit and to testify through suffering to the unsearchable riches of Christ. As a pastor he was the friend of youth and age. His quiet dignity of character honored the ministry, and his deep human sympathy drew him to life's sins and sorrows. He loved his Bible and made much of it in his ministry. An old classmate of the deceased writes: " 'Steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord,' are most applicable to the character of our departed friend." Another writes: "No one in the church or out of it knew Mr. Phillips but to love him."

REV. JOHN J. FINDLAY was born at Coburg, Canada, March 3, 1861. He received his education in part at Toronto University. He was married to Miss Emma Berry, of Chicago, October 26th, 1886. He was a clerk for some time in the store of Marshall Field in that city, but was at the same time actively engaged in mission work, in which he became so deeply interested that he entered upon a course of study for the ministry under the direction of the Chicago Bible Institute. He was ordained at Pewaukee, Wis., in February, 1892: but before two years of his ministry there were past, he was compelled, on account of incipient disease of the lungs, to seek a more genial climate.

He came to Southern California near the close of 1893, with health so far impaired that it was believed he would never preach again. But he gained in health so rapidly that within about three months he assumed the exacting labors of the pastorate of the Bethlehem church of Los Angeles. He did heroic Christian work there. He grappled successfully with difficult and trying financial problems, and no less successfully with equally trying spiritual ones. In all this he endeared himself to the members and officers of his church, to the community in which he labored, and to the ministerial fraternity of which he was so worthy a member.

After two years of intense effort in this field, he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Vernon church, whose work was so well established as not to make such incessant demands upon his waning strength. His labors there, though short, were by no means fruitless. They entwined the affections of the people around him, and, together with his sufferings borne with Christian resignation and his triumphant death, have left a legacy of incalculable worth to that people.

For several weeks his existence seemed to flutter between what we call life and death. On Sabbath, October 25th, 1896, the celestial visitant came and called the ready, waiting, redeemed spirit to the eternal Sabbath of God's love. There were tears on earth, but songs of joy from the choristers of the skies.

He "walked with God, and was not, for God took him."

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

1. The name of the organization is "The Congregational Ministers' Relief Society of Southern California."

2. The object of this Society is to aid needy Congregational ministers, and also the families of deceased ministers not otherwise provided for. The Society shall also endeavor to secure gifts of land and money for the above object, and also gifts of land and money for the establishment and maintenance of a Ministers' Home.

3. The contribution of one dollar annually shall constitute any member of a Congregational church a member of this Society. An annual contribution from any church shall entitle such church to membership. Twenty dollars contributed at one time shall constitute a life-membership.

4. The business of the Society shall be transacted and all its property held by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, such Directors to be elected by and from the members of the Society upon nomination by the General Association of Southern California.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held each year on the last day of the meeting of the General Association.

The Directors shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

5. The Directors shall keep a full record of their proceedings, and shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of the Society.

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Met at Santa Ana, May 12th, 1896: Rev. D. L. Jenkins, Moderator; Rev. J. M. Schaefle, Assistant Moderator; Rev. F. N. Merriam, Scribe.

Subjects discussed: "Our Leader," Rev. N. T. Edwards; "The Higher Spiritual Life," Rev. H. W. Lathe; "The Sunday-school Work," Rev. H. P. Case; "Evangelization of Southern California," Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. A. B. Case, Rev. D. W. Bartlett, Rev. J. S. Jewell; "Temperance Work in our Churches," Rev. D. D. Hill; "The Sabbath—(1) How to Observe it," Rev. J.

M. Schaefle, (2) "Its Desecration," Rev. O. V. Rice; "The Ministry of the Church to the Poor, Sick and Afflicted," Rev. C. S. Vaile; "Pomona College," Pres. C. G. Baldwin; "The Christian Endeavor Society in Co-operation or Competition with the Church, which?" "Christian Endeavorers Awakened to Spiritual Life," Rev. F. S. Forbes.

Next meeting, May 11th and 12th, 1897, in Vernondale church, Los Angeles. Look for notice in *The Pacific*.

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Registrar—Rev. George Robertson, Mentone.

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Met at Mentone, May 5th, 1896: Rev. J. H. Williams, Moderator; Rev. W. N. Burr, Scribe.

Subjects discussed: "The Tramp in the Pulpit," Rev. J. R. Knodell; "The Tramp in the Pew," Rev. George Robertson; "Preparation for Church Membership," Rev. Allen Hastings; "The Church Members in the Church," Rev. S. G. Emerson; "The Church Members and Outside Institutions," Rev. W. N. Burr; "Pomona College," Pres. C. G. Baldwin; "The Bible and Modern Criticism," Rev. J. H. Williams; "The Bible and Man's Redemption," Rev. A. E. Tracy. Sermon, Rev. O. H. Spoor.

The next meeting will be held at Rialto, May 4th and 5th, 1897.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION—Organized April 30, 1895.

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Licentiate—John L. Pearson.

Met at Escondido, April 28 and 29, 1896: Rev. F. A. Bissell, Moderator; Thomas Hanney, Scribe.

Subjects discussed: "The Transfer of the Sabbath—When Made and by What Authority," Rev. J. D. Parker; "The Y. P. S. C. E. (1) Its Power as shown by its History," Rev. J. L. Pearson, (2) "Its Relation to Church and Pastor," T. M. Albee, (3) "Its Missionary Opportunity," C. A. Babcock, Jr.; "What our Churches Most Need, (1) A Deep Sense of Personal Responsibility," Rev. I. W. Atherton, (2) "Effective Organization," open parliament, (3) "Efficient Financial Management," Rev. Harvey Jones, (4) "Divine Anointing for Service," Rev. Alexander Douglass; The Sunday-school Hour, Supt. Case, presiding: (1) Report of Sunday-school Committee, George W. Marston, (2) "Sunday-schools for all San Diego County," D. C. Maxfield, (3) "The Home Department," A. T. Richardson, (4) "How to Secure Better Spiritual Results," Miss Alice Parker; "Home Missions—the Field and the Force (1) The Situation and Outlook," Supt. Rev. J. T. Ford, (2) "What it Demands of our Churches," Mrs. M. D. Withington, (3) "Hard Times and Missionary Offerings," Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D.

Next meeting at Chula Vista at the call of the Moderator and the Registrar.

COUNCILS

HELD DURING THE YEAR 1896.

JANUARY 20.—Called to meet at Rialto to assist in installing Rev. Allen Hastings as pastor of the churches at Rialto and Bloomington. Rev. O. H. Spoor, Moderator; Rev. George Robertson, Scribe. Resulted in installation with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. H. W. Lathe; Installing Prayer, Rev. George Robertson; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. J. H. Williams; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. O. H. Spoor; Address to the People, Rev. J. R. Knodell.

APRIL 3.—Called to meet at Norwalk with reference to the organization of Bethany Congregational Church in that place. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. C. H. Longfellow, Scribe. Resulted in the organization of the proposed church, with public services as follows: Address, Rev. D. D. Hill; Reception of Members, Rev. J. T. Ford; Prayer of Recognition, Rev. S. H. Wheeler; Welcome to the Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. J. H. Cooper.

OCTOBER 6.—Called to meet at the Third Church, Los Angeles, with reference to the ordination of C. S. Billings to the Gospel ministry. Rev. D. D. Hill, Moderator; Rev. N. T. Edwards, Scribe. Resulted in the ordination of the candidate, with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. W. F. Day, D. D.; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. James Parsons; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. J. M. Schaefle; Address to the People, Rev. Dana W. Bartlett.

DECEMBER 9.—Called to meet at Paso Robles for the ordination of Arthur D. Weage to the Gospel ministry. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. T. W. DeLong, Scribe. Resulted in ordination, with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. W. W. Madge; Ordaining Prayer by the Moderator; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. T. W. DeLong; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. J. T. Ford.

DECEMBER 15.—Called to meet at Villa Park with a view to the ordination of Charles H. Longfellow to the Gospel ministry. Rev. H. W. Lathe, Moderator; Rev. Thomas Hendry, Scribe. Resulted in ordination. Public services: Sermon, Rev. H. W. Lathe; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. J. H. Cooper; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. George H. DeKay; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. J. H. Cooper; Address to the People, Rev. Thomas Hendry.

DECEMBER 17.—Called to meet at Hamlin schoolhouse (Post-office, Delano) to act upon the organization of a church in that place. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. E. D. Weage, Scribe. Resulted in organization. Public services: Reception of Members, Rev. J. T. Ford; Prayer, Rev. E. D. Weage; The Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. J. W. Phillips; Charge to the Church, Rev. J. T. Ford.

DECEMBER 28.—Called to meet at Lake-avenue church, Pasadena, for the recognition of the church worshiping there. Rev. H. T. Staats, Moderator; Rev. F. J. Culver, Scribe. Resulted in welcoming that church to the fellowship of the Congregational churches, with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. H. W. Lathe; Prayer of Recognition, Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins; The Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. H. T. Staats; Charge to the Church, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

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Bakersfield	'92	L. A. Hicks	John W. Phillips, P.	'92	'93	19	36	55	12	10	4	14	0	4	0	4	7	2
Buena Park	'88	R. C. Archibald	George H. DeKay, P.	'90	'96	11	20	31	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
Claremont	'91	Herbert Patten	William H. McDougal, P.	'84	'96	68	63	131	26	12	22	34	3	2	1	6	3	1
Compton	'88	Dea. C. S. Hazeltine	Sheldon H. Wheeler, P.	'75	'95	21	36	57	9	0	8	8	0	7	2	9	0	0
Eagle Rock	'86	Mrs. Wm. J. Seaman	D. Lloyd Jenkins, P.	'68	'95	8	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0
*Hamlin	'96	A. J. Brown (Delano)				3	7	10	0	1	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaefle, P.	'87	'90	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0
Long Beach	'88	Harry Barndollar	[Sidney C. Kendall, C. Meth.]	'83	'95	11	27	38	6	6	6	12	0	2	3	5	2	2
Los Angeles, First	'67	William R. Blackman	Warren F. Day, P.	'66	'94	216	364	580	43	17	89	106	4	25	12	41	3	2
" Park	'84	John H. Vening	Thomas Hendry, P.	'91	'91	42	105	147	16	11	12	23	1	9	7	17	2	3
" Third	'85	W. H. Armstrong	Charles S. Billings, P. C.	'96	'96	28	57	85		14	16	30	1	10	0	11	6	5
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" Swedish	'89	Charles Eliason	[Eskil Magnus Carlson, Lic.]		'96	31	42	73	6	10	0	10	2	4	2	8	0	
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Nordhoff	'88	W. E. Wilsie	Franklin F. Pearse, P.	'83	'96	26	48	74	3	14	14	28	1	6	4	11	4	1
Norwalk	'96	Dr. D. A. Kellogg	George H. DeKay, P.	'90	'96	8	16	24	0	5	19	24	0	0	0	0	3	0
Pasadena, First	'85	Dea. George A. Green	Herbert W. Lathe, P.	'77	'95	123	213	336	26	10	23	33	3	8	16	27	7	
" North	'89	Rev. Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, P.	'60	'88	30	66	96	8	8	10	18	1	0	0	1	6	0
" *Lake-ave	'96	A. I. Gammon	Allen Hastings, P.	'91	'97	13	21	34	0	6	28	34	0	0	0	0	1	0
Paso Robles	'94	A. N. Sheldon	Arthur D. Weage, P.	'96	'96	10	25	35	3	1	1	2	2	5	2	9	1	0
Pomona	'87	Chas. M. Stone	Lucien H. Frary, P. C.	'69	'88	138	226	364	64	17	26	43	7	25	1	33	3	12
Poso	'92	Mrs. Clarence Wright, FAMOSO	Alfred K. Johnson, P.	'65	'92	13	16	29	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redondo Beach	'95	Mrs. Alice A. Fisher	[Nathan L. Rowell, Free Bap.]	'64	'96	10	19	29	0	3	6	9	0	7	0	7	0	3
Rosedale	'92	I. T. Sharp	Alfred K. Johnson, P.	'65	'92	23	28	51	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	'95	Jacob K. Tuley	Walter W. Madge, P.	'81	'95	11	22	33	0	4	3	7	0	3	0	3	4	10
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford	Thomas W. DeLong,	'87	'96	7	13	20	6	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Ana	'89	Mrs. F. E. Perham	John H. Cooper, P.	'87	'95	28	70	98	7	12	9	21	0	7	2	9	9	1
Santa Barbara	'67	Dr. C. S. Kittredge	Frank S. Forbes, P.	'88	'95	68	143	211	27	15	9	24	3	7	1	11	7	9
Santa Monica	'90	Mrs. J. A. Austin	Salathiel D. Belt, P.	'71	'96	12	18	30	4	4	2	6	0	16	5	21	3	0
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, P.	'56	'90	12	25	37	8	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	0	0
Sierra Madre	'86	George Skead	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, P.	'68	'88	38	47	85	12	4	15	19	2	12	0	14	1	3
Ventura	'68	C. Leroy Sheldon	William N. Burr, P.	'88	'96	46	85	131	14	7	3	10	0	5	1	6	6	0
Villa Park	'89	Dea. Henry Snyder	Charles H. Longfellow, P.	'96	'94	18	21	39	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Whittier	'94	Charles W. Houghton	George Willett, P.	'78	'94	24	33	57	7	7	16	23	0	3	0	3	3	2
*Within limits of Association, but not yet formally received.			Total,	36		1359	2368	3727	381	262	455	717	36	236	111	383	99	78

CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			Families	YPSCE	BENEVOLENCE									
Town or City	Org.	Superintendents	M.	Av.			Foreign	Education	Ch. Bldg.	Home Missi'ns	A. M A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Legacy	Home Exp.
Avalon	'89	Joseph Stamford	35	29	30	11	$ 0	$ 2 00	$ 5 00	$ 21 00	$ 7 00	$ 5 00	$ 0	$10 00	$ 50 00	0	$ 500 00
Bakersfield	'92	W. H. Rue	70	40	50	55	0	0	20 00	3 00	0	0	0	15 00	38 00	0	600 00
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	50	40	20	19	6 00		3 00	11 00		5 00		3 00	28 00		200 00
Claremont	'91	D. H. Colcord	185	135	65	103	88 00	1134 00	7 00	198 00	1 00	7 00	0	10 00	1445 00	0	1128 00
Compton	'88	H. F. Kohler	130	60	75	26	10 00	19 00	40 00	21 00	10 00	8 00		22 00	130 00		625 00
Eagle Rock	'86	John Q. Adams (Verdugo)	55	50	23	45	0	0	0	10 00	0	0	0	13 00	23 00	0	199 00
Hamlin	'96	S. D. Miller (Delano)															
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	30	20	20	11	0	0	0	12 00	0	5 00	0	6 00	23 00	0	283 00
Long Beach	'88	C. W. T. Johnson	30	50													
Los Angeles, First	'67	Don A. Judd	450	225	300	79	297 00	192 00	51 00	834 00	114 00	63 00	30 00	393 00	1974 00	0	9808 00
" Park	'84	Mrs. M. E. Garbutt	190	130		60	60 00	0	25 00	45 00	0	13 00	0	50 00	193 00	0	1250 00
" Third	'85	J. B. Riddick	160	131	34	21											500 00
" Vernondale (S. L. A.)	'85	Durrell Draper	205	115	60	28	19 00	23 00	5 00	41 00	0	10 00	4 00	65 00	167 00	0	865 00
" East (Station A)	'87	Lester S. Moore	157	121	110	77	13 00	55 00	2 00	99 00	0	6 00	0	13 00	188 00	0	1928 00
" Pico Heights	'87	Harold Dalton	170	100	70	47	0	42 00	7 00	18 00	0	6 00	0	28 00	101 00	0	580 00
" Plymouth	'88	Charles A. Long	120	78	45	20	18 00	17 00	4 00	31 00	0	6 00	0	20 00	96 00	0	1147 00
" West End	'88	L. W. Head	105	70		47	5 00	0	0	25 00	0	5 00	0	0	35 00	0	610 00
" Olivet (Sta. D)	'89	H. M. Cain	125	70	100	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350 00
" Swedish	'89	A. J. Warner	36	28	23										140 00	0	1200 00
" Bethlehem	'92	John Terrace	137	102	150	69	0	5 00	0	25 00	0	3 00	0	5 00	38 00	0	450 00
" Central ave	'96	Charles Mosteller	100	81	63	40	7 00	2 00	0	5 00	0	0	0	1 00	15 00	0	425 00
Monrovia	'87	Roswell H. Wilson	57	50	30	12	0	15 00	5 00	5 00	0	0	5 00	0	30 00	0	435 00
Nordhoff	'88	Frank P. Barrows	120	70	50	55	20 00	28 00	0	50 00	3 00	5 00	0	34 00	140 00	0	850 00
Norwalk	'96	E. P. Truitt		48	25	0	0	3 00	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 00	0	240 00
Pasadena, First	'85	Prof. A. L. Hamilton	314	193	160	125	141 00	7 00	9 00	201 00	14 00	25 00	27 00	214 00	638 00	0	4259 00
" North	'89	J. H. Woodworth	174	115	60	51	8 00	110 00	0	7 00	40 00	5 00	0	50 00	220 00	0	976 00
" Lake-ave.	'96	Herbert Waterhouse	140	125		43											440 00
Paso Robles	'94	Mrs. R. L. Janney				28											
Pomona	'87	John P. Storrs	300	170	200	175	391 00	1132 00	40 00	792 00	10 00	25 00	13 00	456 00	2859 00	0	3659 00
Poso	'92	Sidney Root (Famoso)	42	35		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 00	0	1 00	0	200 00
Redondo Beach	'95	W. N. Best	90	70	16	0	0	0	5 00	10 00	0	3 00	0	0	18 00		325 00
Rosedale	'92	Ernest Andrews	63	56		33	0	0	10 00	20 00	0	0	0	0	30 00	0	200 00
San Luis Obispo	'95	Dea. Thomas Dawson	125	65	50	40	9 00	0	0	20 00	0	4 00	1 00	0	34 00	0	1140 00
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford	40	26	15	22	0	0	0	2 00	0	0	0	0	2 00	0	
Santa Ana	'89	Miss Julia Stebbins	170	95	60	50	22 00	15 00	10 00	37 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	107 00	0	1143 00
Santa Barbara	'67	H. R. Hitchcock	200	105	200	75	248 00	257 00	28 00	112 00	174 00	5 00	25 00	155 00	1004 00	0	2600 00
Santa Monica	'90	James Gray		45			6 00	16 00	8 00	0	0	9 00	0	32 00	71 00	0	936 00
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. S. R. Sharp	40	32	40	29	0	13 00	4 00	0	0	0	6 00	8 00	31 00	0	431 00
Sierra Madre	'86	Rev. E. E. P. Abbott		74	55	40	20 00	0	3 00	22 00	0	0	5 00	29 00	79 00	0	959 00
Ventura	'68	J. S. Griswold	100	57	65	50	40 00	0	6 00	54 00	25 00	0	0	16 00	141 00	0	1504 00
Villa Park	'89	W. Ed. Marsh	75	66	30	42	5 00	1 00	3 00	0	0	3 00	2 00	31 00	45 00	0	345 00
Whittier	'94	Charles W. Houghton	68	64	35	21	12 00	7 00	5 00	21 00	0	5 00	0	16 00	66 00	0	2553 00
Total,	42		42	4832	3216	2511	1665	$1445	3095 00	305 00	2752 00	403 00	236 00	122 00	$1705	10203 00	0	45942 00

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS			MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED				BAPT.	
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Alessandro	'95	W. F. Carnahan	Wm. H. Wolcott	'70	'96	10	12	22	5	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	2	0
Bloomington	'92	L. H. Snodgrass				22	37	59	18	4	8	12	0	1	0	1	3	
Daggett	'94	Mrs. Mary Igo				1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Etiwanda	'93	Robert Hickcox	Charles H. Davis, P.	'77	'95	8	11	19	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halleck	'84	Mrs. Sarah A. Morgan				3	5	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Highland (P. O., Messina)	'84	Wm. H. Willmot, M. D.	Samuel G. Lamb, P.	'79	'96	48	73	121	12	8	5	13	2	2	0	4	1	2
Mentone	'92	Archie Shearer	George Robertson, P.	'83	'92	21	43	64	10	10	3	13	1	3	0	4	0	0
Moreno	'91	Frank Leavitt	Wm. H. Wolcott, P.	'70	'96	36	38	74	11	1	1	2	0	6	0	6	0	7
*Needles	'92	Mrs. C. O. Cushman	John Fletcher Brown, P.	'73	'95	5	11	16	0	0	5	5	0	2	9	11	0	1
Ontario	'85	E. Percy Dean	Alfred E. Tracy, P.	'72	'88	40	64	104	14	0	3	3	2	13	4	19	0	2
Perris	'87	Miss Lizzie Pell	Stephen G. Emerson, P.	'90	'96	27	43	70	15	8	2	10	1	12	5	18	2	
Redlands, First	'80	Dr. Wm. E. Lockwood	John H. Williams, P. C.	'73	'93	89	158	247	27	8	26	34	1	1	0	2	6	2
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Rev. A. L. Park	Orange H. Spoor, P.	'61	'90	34	50	84		1	7	8	1	4	0	5	1	0
Rialto	'90	Dea. Samuel S. Wood				21	36	57	26	3	6	9	1	5	3	9	0	0
Riverside	'72	Walter L. Koethen	Edward F. Goff, P.	'76	'96	138	214	352	46	13	10	23	4	18	0	22	4	4
San Bernardino	'67	Miss Adah M. Smith				47	87	134	15	6	10	16	1	18	35	54	2	1
San Jacinto	'86	Mrs. Sarah M. Smith	Benjamin F. Hewlett, P.	'87	'96	17	31	48	9	2	1	3	0	6	1	7	2	2
South Riverside (Corona)	'87	Rev. J. Spencer Jewell	J. Spencer Jewell, P.	'66	'90	58	85	143	15	7	11	18	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total,	18			12		625	1002	1627	234	73	101	174	15	91	59	165	24	22

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CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			Families	Y P S C E	BENEVOLENCE										
Town or City	Org.	Superintendents	M.	Av.			For-eign	Educa-tion	Ch. Bldg.	Home Missi'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Legacy	Home Exp.
Alessandro	'95	W. F. Carnahan (Armada)	35	30			$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 6 00	$ 0	$ 100 00
Bloomington	'92	Ward E. Clark	75	53	30	21	2 00		75 00	1 00		5 00			83 00		260 00
Daggett	'94																
Etiwanda	'93	Dea. A. R. Loud	84	65	65	32	6 00	0	0	12 00	0	2 00	0	23 00	43 00	0	275 00
Halleck	'84																
Highland (P. O., Messina)	'84	S. H. Barrett (E. Highland)	95			45	70 00	75 00	1 00	20 00	11 00	8 00	90 00	0	275 00	0	1075 00
Mentone	'92	Henry Knowles	86	63	50	33	0	20 00	2 00	20 00	0	7 00	10 00	10 00	69 00	0	623 00
Moreno	'91	O. N. Brant	90	56	40	35	3 00	20 00	0	16 00	0	0	0	0	39 00	0	600 00
Needles	'92	Rev. J. F. Brown	65	41	96	26	0	2 00	0	15 00	0	8 00	0	0	25 00	0	402 00
Ontario	'85	Andrew Noble	100	73	70	56	177 00	100 00	21 00	126 00	36 00	10 00	28 00	23 00	521 00	0	1420 00
Perris	'87	Mrs. Alfred Hook		60	60	28	0	0	0	57 00	0	8 00	0	18 00	83 00	0	1131 00
Redlands, First	'80	John P. Fisk, Jr.	235	138		77	187 00	150 00	11 00	295 00	10 00	12 00	18 00	50 00	733 00	0	2875 00
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	S. Grover	75	50	47	30	18 00	146 00	10 00		10 00	6 00			190 00	1000 00	960 00
Rialto	'90	Miss Louise Oliver	39	33	26	35	21 00		2 00						23 00		243 00
Riverside	'72	Wm. P. Gulick	215	158	150	101	224 00	200 00	47 00	277 00	30 00	24 00	40 00	47 00	889 00	0	2912 00
San Bernardino	'67	G. P. Skinner	180	112	76	77	40 00	21 00	0	24 00	0	3 00	0	0	88 00	0	2476 00
San Jacinto	'86	N. C. Twining	60	32	25	30	29 00	6 00	50 00	30 00	2 00	4 00	0	1 00	122 00	0	444 00
South Riverside (Corona)	'87	B. E. Savory	135	85	90	70	59 00	95 00	6 00	40 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	43 00	270 00	0	1276 00
Total,	18		16	1648	1169	1005	690	836 00	835 00	225 00	933 00	111 00	107 00	191 00	215 00	3459 00	1000 00	17072 00

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS			MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED				BAPT.	
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ord.	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Alpine	'94	Mrs. Lottie E. Snow	John A. Rogers, P.	'90	'93	12	14	26	2	3	0	3	0	6	0	6	0	0
*Ballena	'89	C. H. Rowlands (WITCH CREEK)				2	6	8										
Chula Vista	'90	James P. Hall (Otay)	Harry E. Merrill, P	'96	'96	22	39	61	0	2	13	15	0	4	0	4	1	0
Dehesa	'87	A. W. Pitts	John A. Rogers	'90	'96	6	9	15	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0
De Luz	'89	Fred. H. Orvis	Henry M. Daniels, P.	'61	'89	4	4	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encinitas	'90	Mrs. F. P. Nichols	[John L. Pearson, Lic.]		'93	1	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0
Escondido	'86	Mrs. F. N. Baldridge	Austin B. White, P.	'61	'95	48	82	130	12	7	6	13	2	12	0	14	5	1
Flinn Valley (P. O., Lakeside)	'92	Dea. John W. White	John A. Rogers, P.	'90	'92	6	7	13	3	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	2
Jamul	'90	Mrs. D. C. Maxfield	Isaac W. Atherton (Helix) P.	'59	'91	8	8	16	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
La Mesa	'95	Mrs Emily L. Dillman	T. R. Earl (San Diego)	'79	'95	7	11	18	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lemon Grove	'94	E. Bidleman	Frank A Bissell, P.	'82	'96	5	6	11		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National City	'81	Dea. Loren Mudgett	Frank A. Bissell, P.	'82	'95	36	54	90	24	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	2
Oceanside	'85	Miss Ida M. Sharp	[John L. Pearson, Lic.]		'92	5	14	19	2	1	1	2	0	0	5	5	0	4
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, P.	'45	'87	25	31	56	2	12	5	17	1	0	0	1	7	1
San Diego, First	'86	M. T. Gilmore	Stephen A. Norton, P. C.	'81	'94	121	252	373	47	17	42	59	5	12	6	23	4	5
" Second	'88	Miss Jennie Robertson	Theophilus R Earl, P.	'79	'95	16	32	48	10	3	4	7	0	5	1	6	0	1
Spring Valley (P. O., Helix)	'88	Thomas Hannay	Isaac W. Atherton, P.	'59	'91	14	14	28	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total,	17			9		338	586	924	118	50	75	125	9	48	15	72	20	21
Aggregate,	77					2322	3956	6278	733	385	631	1016	60	375	185	620	143	121

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CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			Families	Y P S C E	BENEVOLENCE									
Town or City	Org.	Superintendent	M.	Av			Foreign	Education	Ch. Bldg.	Home Missi'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Legacy	Home Exp.
Alpine	'94	Mrs. Sarah S. Rogers	32	23	50	30	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$ 14 00	$ 1 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$ 0	$ 28 00	$ 0	$ 212 00
Ballena	'89				5		0	0	10 00	0	0	0	0	0	10 00	0	2 00
Chula Vista	'90	N. L. Palmer	58	39	45	38	20 00	0	0	0	0	0	0	36 00	56 00	0	607 00
Dehesa	'97	O. B. Avis		30	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 00	0	1 00	0	112 00
De Luz	'89	Rev. Henry M. Daniels	18	12	4	0	0	0	0	2 00	0	0	0	5 00	7 00	0	0
Encinitas	'90	G. Nettleton	25	20	10	0	0	0	0	2 00	0	0	0	0	2 00	0	60 00
Escondido	'86	Mrs. M. D. Withington	135	86	35	45	7 00	60 00	6 00	56 00	0	9 00	5 00	65 00	208 00	0	860 00
Flinn Valley (Lakeside)	'92	Mrs. Margaret Perkins	25	18	7	0	0	0	0	2 00	0	1 00	0	0	3 00	0	15 00
Jamul	'90	Mrs. H. A. Sheldon	50	25	26	0	8 00	0	0	12 00	0	2 00	2 00	0	24 00	0	125 00
La Mesa	'95	Edward D. Gripper	25	20	25	22	0	0	0	10 00	0	2 00	0	0	12 00	0	619 00
Lemon Grove	'94	G. P. Hall	45	30		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150 00
National City	'81		55	37	50	15	47 00	15 00	0	51 00	0	5 00	0	0	118 00	0	648 00
Oceanside	'85	T. V. Dodd	18	14	12		0	0	5 00	5 00	0	0	0	3 00	13 00	0	153 00
Poway	'87	A. P. Ruche	75	51	30	50	4 00	10 00	0	29 00	0	9 00	0	50 00	102 00	0	150 00
San Diego, First	'86	George W. Marston	275	200	175	190	870 00	140 00	0	252 00	200 00	21 00	18 00	350 00	1851 00	0	12698 00
Second	'88	J. Walter Williams	110	60	40	35	0	0	0	27 00	0	2 00	0	7 00	36 00	0	320 00
Spring Valley (Helix)	'88	Frank Oliver	40	32	24	32	9 00	0	0	16 00	0	10 00	2 00	0	37 00	0	175 00
Total,	16		15	1010	687	568	457	970 00	227 00	22 00	478 00	201 00	64 00	30 00	516 00	2508 00	0	16906 00
Aggregate,	S. S. 76		73	7490	5072	4084	2812	$3251	4157 00	552 00	4163 00	715 00	407 00	343 00	$2436	16170 00	1000 00	79920 00

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

—FOR—

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR-BOOK'S LIST OF CHURCHES:

Added—Hamlin (P. O., Delano), Los Angeles—Swedish, Norwalk, Pasadena—Lake Avenue.

Omitted—Hesperia and Westminster.

CHURCHES: 4 with pastors installed by council; 59 with pastors otherwise inducted; 14 vacant [including 5 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other Denominations]. Total 77.

MINISTERS: 4 pastors installed by council; 53 pastors otherwise inducted; 39 others. Total, 96.

LICENTIATES: 1 supplying church; 3 others. Total, 4.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 2,322 males; 3,956 females. Total, 6,278, including 733 absent. Gain, 434. [Last year, total, 5,844; gain, 362.]

ADDITIONS: 385 by confession; 631 by letter. Total, 1,016. [Last year, 965.]

REMOVALS: 60 by death; 375 by letter; 185 by discipline. Total, 620. [Last year, 630.]

BAPTISMS: 143 adult; 121 infant. [Last year, 183 and 102.]

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: members, 7,490. Gain, 461. Average attendance, 5,072. Gain, 723.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Number, 59; gain, 6. 2,812 members; gain, 92.

FAMILIES: 62 churches reporting [3,964 last year], 4,084. Gain 120.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 70 churches reporting [$28,343 last year], Foreign Missions, $3,251. Education, $4,157. Church Building, $552. Home Missions, $4,163. American Missionary Association, $715. Sunday-Schools, $407. Ministerial Aid, $343. Other, $2,436. Total, $16,170. Decrease, $12,173.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 71 churches reporting [$68,396 last year], $79,920. Increase, $11,524.

LATEST ADDRESSES

—OF—

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION, OR SERVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

N. B. If your name is not correctly given in the following list; if the first name is not given in full; if your post-office or date of ordination is wrong, or if your name is not found here but should be given, write to Rev. James T. Ford, Station A, Los Angeles, Registrar of General Association.

"W. C." denotes without charge. * Not members of this Association.

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Abbott, Ephraim E. P.	Pastor	Sierra Madre,	Mar. 30, '68
Abernethy, Henry C	Pastor	Poway	Apr. 18, '45
Atherton, Isaac W	Pastor	Helix	Sept. '59
Baldwin, Cyrus G., D.D.	Pres. College	Claremont	Jan. 25, '81
Barber, Leman N	W. C.	San Jacinto,	Sept. 29, '70
*Bartlett, Dana W	Pastor	Los Angeles, 510 Vignes St.	'87
Bartlett, Enoch N	W. C.	Ventura	Aug., '41
*Belt, Salathiel D.	Pastor	Santa Monica,	Jun. 21, '71
Billings, Charles S	Pastor	Los Angeles, 110 E. Ann St.	Oct. 6, '96
Bissell, Frank A	Pastor	National City,	Mar. 28, '82
Bixby, Alanson,	W. C.	Allen, N. Y.	May 23, '50
Brainerd, Edward R	W. C.	Los Angeles.	Feb. 21, '84
Bristol, Sherlock	W. C.	Ventura	Oct., '43
Brown, J. Fletcher	Pastor	Needles	May 3, '74
Burr, William N	Pastor	Ventura	July 20, '88
Case, Harlan P	Supt. Cong. S. S. & P. S.	Los Angeles, Box 863	Sept. 25, '71
Cash, Elijah	W. C.	Los Angeles, Station E	May 14, '78
Christie, Frank D.	W. C.	(?)	
Colcord, Daniel H.	Prof. College	Claremont	Sept. 8, '81

not to be entered, unless reported Elsewhere 1/7.

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Cooper, John H.	Pastor	Santa Ana	July 22, '87
Crosswell, Micah S.	W. C.	Los Angeles Station D	April 19, '69
Culver, Franklin J.	W. C.	Pasadena	Feb., '90
Daniels, Henry M.	Pastor	De Luz	June 25, '61
Davis, Charles H.	W. C.	San Ber'dino,	Dec. 16, '77
Day, Warren F., D. D.	Pastor	Los Angeles. 949 S. Hill St.	May 2, '66
De Kay, George H.	Pastor	Norwalk	June 2, '90
*De Long, Thomas W.	Pastor	San Miguel	Nov. 14, '77
Earl, Theophilus R.	Pastor	San Diego	June, '79
Edwards, Nicholas T.	Pastor	Los Angeles. 1032 W. 22nd St.	June 8, '83
Emerson, Stephen G.	Pastor	Perris	Oct. 27, '90
Field, Alden P.	W. C.	Monrovia	May 13, '91
Field, Frederick A	Pastor	Los Angeles. Station D	May 19, '80
Forbes, Frank S.	Pastor	Santa Barbara	Aug. 15, '88
Ford, James T.	Supt. C. H. Missionary S.	Los Angeles, Station A	Nov. 25, '57
Frary, Lucien H.	Pastor	Pomona	Oct. 7, '69
Goff, Edward F.	Pastor	Riverside	June 12, '76
Harwood, James H., D.D.	Supt. Anti-Saloon League	South Los Angeles	'63
Hastings, Allen	Pastor	Pasadena	Jan. 30, '91
Hendry, Thomas	Pastor	Los Angeles. 1337 Omaha St.	Oct. 1, '91
Henning, George W.	W. C.	Oakland	Sept. 1, '65
Hewlett, Benjamin F.	Pastor	San Jacinto	Mar. 27, '87
Hildreth, Edward	W. C.	Los Angeles, 357 S. Hope St.	Dec. 30, '62
Hill, Dexter D.	W. C.	Pasadena 295 California St.	June 1, '69
Jenkins, D. Lloyd	Pastor	Los Angeles. 936 Pasadena Ave.	July 1, '68
Jewell, J. Spencer	Pastor	S. Riverside,	Nov. 17, '66
Johnson, Alfred K.	Pastor	Rosedale	Sept. 20, '65
Jones, Harvey	W. C.	Pasadena	April, '55
Jones, Henry W.	W. C.	Claremont.	May 24, '66
Kellogg, Sylvanus H.	W. C.	Claremont.	Nov. 10, '57
Kimball, George P	W. C.	Pasadena	May 25, '51
Knodell, James R.	W. C.	Oakland	'79
*Lamb, Samuel G.	Pastor	Messina	Oct. 5, '79

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Lathe, Herbert W.....	Pastor.....	Pasadena...380 Elevado Drive	Sept. 27, '77
*Longfellow, Chas. H..	Pastor.....	Villa Park..	Dec. 15, '96
Madge, Walter W.	W. C.....	S.Luis Obispo,	May 29, '81
*McDougal, William H..	Pastor.	Claremont..	Sept. 11, '84
Merriam, Frank N.....	Pastor.....	Hartford,Conn.	Feb.24,'92
*Merrill, Harry E.....	Pastor.....	Chula Vista.	Feb. 21, '96
Merrill, William C.	W. C.....	Lynn, Mass.	May 19, '84
Milligan, John A.....	Pastor	Porterville...	July 3, '83
Morris, George.....	Pastor.....	Los Angeles. Station E	Oct. 18, '60
Norton, Edwin C.....	Prof. College.	Claremont....	May 1, '84
Norton, Stephen A., D.D.	Pastor	San Diego....	Oct. 6, '81
Overton, Joseph.....	Pastor	Oleander.....	Aug., '82
Park, Austin L.....	W. C.....	Redlands	Feb. 2, '64
Parker, John D.....	W. C.....	San Diego ...	Oct. 16, '65
Parsons, James	Pastor.....	Los Angeles Sub-Station 2	May 18, '93
Pearse, Franklin F.....	Pastor	Nordhoff....	June 20, '83
Phillips, John W.....	Pastor	Bakersfield..	Oct. 11, '92
Platt, M. Fayette.....	W. C.....	National City,	Nov.11,'63
Pratt, Richard.....	Pastor	Saticoy	June 27,'64
Price, Francis M	Missionary ...	San Francisco.. Y. M. C. A. Building	July, '83
Rawson, George A.....	W. C.....	S. Los Angeles	Apr. 30,'60
Rice, Othello V.....	W. C.....	Los Angeles, 125 S. Bunker Hill Ave.	Nov. 1, '77
Robertson, George.....	Pastor	Mentone....	July 18, '83
Rogers, John A.....	Pastor	Alpine.....	Nov. 19, '90
Schaefle, John M.....	Pastor	Los Angeles, Pico Heights	May 17, '87
Schwarzauer, Charles M.	W. C.....	Linda Vista,	Nov. 18, '78
Slocombe, Samuel.....	W. C.....	San Francisco 2214 Jones St.	Nov. 14,'67
Smith, John E.....	W. C.....	Fremontville	Jan. 3, '77
Snell, William W.	W. C.....	West Saticoy.	Oct. 16, '59
Spoor, Orange H.....	Pastor	Redlands.....	'61
Staats, Henry T.....	Pastor	Pasadena..... 425 Raymond Ave.	Feb. 1, '60
Starkey, Daniel C.	W. C.....	Long Beach...	Sept., '65
Sumner, Charles B.....	Prof. College	Claremont...	Jan. 2, '68
Tade, Ewing O.....	Pastor	Avalon.....	Sept. 4,'61

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Thompson, Alexander	W. W. C.	San Jacinto	Oct. 20, '80
Tracy, Alfred E	Pastor	Ontario	Sept. 4, '72
Tuthill, Edward B	W. C.	South Riverside	Jan., '60
Vaile, Charles S.	Pastor	Monrovia	Mar. 9, '82
*Weage, Arthur D.	Pastor	Paso Robles	Dec. 9, '96
Wheeler, Sheldon H.	Pastor	Compton	Dec. 16, '75
White, Austin B.	W. C.	Los Angeles	June 28, '61
Willett, George	Pastor	Whittier	May 23, '78
Williams, John H.	Pastor	Redlands	Sept. 3, '73
Wolcott, William H.	Pastor	Moreno	May 11, '70

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LICENTIATES.

Bailly, Gerard	609 8th Ave., New York City
Binder, George J.	White Hills, Arizona
Irvine, Javan B., Jr	813 Lake St., Los Angeles
Pearson, John L.	Supplying church, Oceanside

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General Congregational Association

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Southern California

Minutes and Statistics

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NOTICE

This publication is sent to the Congregational Ministers of Southern California, and to the Churches—one to every five members.

Will the PASTORS, to whom the packages for the churches are sent, see that they are so distributed, that, as nearly as practicable, each family may have a copy of the Minutes. Some pastors are accustomed to call the attention of their people to the value of this publication for reading and reference. It is believed that if all should do this, the interest of the members in the common work of our churches would be greatly increased.

Will not the church clerks file the Minutes as they come year by year, and thus preserve for reference the only permanent record of our general work?

Any church may have additional copies by writing to the Registrar.

THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

General Congregational Association

OF

Southern California

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

OF REDLANDS

OCTOBER 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH, 1897

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General Association of Southern California

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MODERATOR:
REV. CYRUS G. BALDWIN, D. D.,
Claremont.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
REV. EWING O. TADE,
Avalon.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER:
REV. JAMES T. FORD,
Los Angeles.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY:
REV. DANIEL H. COLCORD,
Claremont.

SCRIBE:
REV. FRANK A. BISSELL,
National City.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—For three years: Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Rev. Daniel H. Colcord. For two years: Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., Rev. Frank S. Forbes, Hon. Charles E. Harwood. For one year: Rev. John H. Williams, Rev. Allen Hastings, S. H. Herrick.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Alfred E. Tracy, Mrs. E. M. Pease, Mrs. George W. Marston, Prof. Arthur D. Bissell, Rev. Samuel G. Lamb.

On Sunday-Schools—Don A. Judd, Mrs. M. B. Withington, Rev. Benj. F. Hewlett, Rev. Frederick A. Field.

On Education—Rev. Edward F. Goff, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Frank A. Bissell.

On Temperance—Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards, Rev. S. D. Belt, Mrs. C. E. Richards.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Rev. N. T. Edwards, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. Thomas Hendry, Rev. George Robertson, Dea. Thomas Barrows.

On Publication—J. B. Irvine, Jr., C. H. Abernethy, Rev. J. T. Ford.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. George H. DeKay, Rev. D. D. Hill, Rev. Daniel H. Colcord, Rev. Ewing O. Tade.

On Sabbath Observance—A. D. Babcock, Dea. S. H. Barrett, Rev. John H. Cooper.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Directors of the Ministers' Relief Association of Southern California—Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. O. H. Spoor, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. Harvey Jones, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Prof. E. C. Norton, Prof. H. E. Storrs, Rev. C. S. Vaile. For two years: Rev. F. A. Field, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Dea. Thomas Barrows, John P. Fisk, Jr., Rev. J. M. Schaefle. For one year: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill.

Delegates—To the National Council: Rev. James T. Ford. *To the General Association of California:* Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Dea. N. W. Blanchard.

NEXT MEETING.

Place and Time—Escondido: second Tuesday in October.
Preacher—Rev. Edward F. Goff. Alternate, Rev. Frank S. Forbes.
To Report the Work of the Churches—Rev. Thomas Hendry.

REGISTRARS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Los Angeles Association—Rev. John M. Schaefle, Los Angeles.
San Bernardino Association—Rev. George Robertson, Mentone.
San Diego Association—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational churches in that part of California south of the north line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches held in Boston in June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually, on the second Tuesday in October, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization.

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of Business.

The Association shall be opened by the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz.: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz.: On Home Missions; on Foreign Missions; on Sunday-schools; on Education; on Temperance; on Arrangements for the Next Meeting; on Publication; on Interdenominational Comity; on Lord's Day Observance.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Duties of Permanent Committees.

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committees to fulfill in their several departments the work of the Association throughout the year for which they are appointed, collecting and diffusing information, giving impetus and direction to the work, and reporting at the annual meeting facts gathered, work done, results realized, also needs unsupplied and plans for future work.

It shall be the duty of the Registrar to notify the Chairman of every Permanent Committee of his appointment and to report to him the names of the members of his Committee; and it shall be the duty of each Chairman to call a meeting of his Committee before the adjournment of the Association and to secure, if possible, the participation of all its members in the Committee's work.

Vacancies occurring in any permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that Committee.

4. Annual Dues.

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the Churches belonging to it, at the rate of five cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year-Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

5. The Lord's Supper.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each annual meeting of the Association, and at that time an offering shall be made for the Congregational Ministers' Relief Association.

6. Amendments.

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshiped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the Apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the Confessions and Platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or reaffirmed. We declare that the experience of the nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, He will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a Nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the Gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this Gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State, and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mold and redeem, by its all-transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; and that the divi-

sion of such communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same common faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of Apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided Church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the only living and true God; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the Church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in Him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and, through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter, are delivered from the power of sin and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through Prophets and Apostles and in the life, the miracles, the death and the resurrection of His Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming now our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism" together constitute the one catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of His body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will cooperate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the Gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world and "preach the Gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth" fulfill the promise which is all our hope, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

1897.

MINUTES.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California met with the First Congregational Church of Redlands, Tuesday, October 12th, at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting began with devotional services, and a sermon by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, from the text, "As the truth is in Jesus" (Ephesians 4 : 21); after which the roll of members present was read by the Registrar.

The roll when completed was as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

E. E. P. Abbott,
Otto Anderson,
Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D.,
Dana W. Bartlett,
S. D. Belt,
Charles S. Billings,
Arthur D. Bissell,
Frank A. Bissell,
William N. Burr,
Alden B. Case,
Harlan P. Case,
Elijah Cash,
Daniel H. Colcord,
John H. Cooper,
Franklin J. Culver,
George H. DeKay,
Nicholas T. Edwards,
Stephen G. Emerson,
Frank S. Forbes,
James T. Ford,
Edward F. Goff,
James H. Harwood, D. D.,
Allen Hastings,
Benj. F. Hewlett,
Harvey Jones,
Henry W. Jones,
Sidney C. Kendall,
Samuel G. Lamb,
William A. Lamb,
Chas. H. Longfellow,
Wm. H. McDougal,
Edwin C. Norton,
Stephen A. Norton, D. D.,
Austin L. Park,
James Parsons,
O. V. Rice,
George Robertson,
John M. Schaefle,
Orange H. Spoor,
Ewing O. Tade,
Frederic Shield,
Alex. W. Thompson,
Charles S. Vaile,
John H. Williams,
William H. Wolcott.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

Avalon ..... E. J. Whitney
Mrs. E. J. Whitney

Bloomington ..... Rev. Otto Anderson
W. H. H. Easton

Claremont ..... Mrs. C. G. Baldwin
E. F. Hahn

Eagle Rock ..... J. Q. Adams
W. J. Seaman

Escondido ..... Miss Bertha Hartshorn
Miss Mary Shearer

Etiwanda ..... Dea. George Lonsdale

Highland ..... Dea. J. W. Hartzel
Mrs. W. H. Wilmot

Long Beach ..... Rev. Sidney C. Kendall

Los Angeles, First ..... Rev. O. V. Rice
Miss Phebe Mayhew

" " Third ..... Miss Florence R. Yarrow

" " Vernondale ..... Dea. James Gillespie
Dea. H. D. Merrill

" " Pico Heights ..... Dr. C. R. Knox
Mrs. H. F. Dalton

" " Plymouth ..... Rev. Joseph Wild, D. D.

" " Swedish ..... Rev. E. M. Carlson

" " Bethlehem ..... Miss Ethel L. Leonard
Miss Mary Housel

Mentone ..... S. R. Baker
Fred. King

Monrovia ..... Dr. C. S. Lane
G. H. Hutchins

Moreno ..... Dea. Samuel Lynn

Norwalk ..... W. H. Smith

Ontario ..... Dea. P. L. Thayer

Pasadena, First ..... A. K. Nash
Mrs. J. D. Nash

" North ..... Mrs. M. D. Painter

" Lake Av. ..... Rev. Frederic Shield
William Waterhouse

Perris ..... C. Vermason
Mrs. A. T. Wolcott

Pomona ..... Charles P. Nichols
Rev. W. L. Jones

Poway ..... C. H. Abernethy

Redlands, First ..... Dr. Alfred Richmond
A. C. Corman

Redlands, Lugonia Terrace.....Joseph Ogden
Mrs. Lon Haight
Rialto.....Mrs. J. Noble
Riverside.....S. H. Herrick
Dea. D. P. Chapman
San Bernardino..... Miss L. A. Wright
San Diego, First.....A. D. Babcock
San Jacinto..... J. F. Stout
Mrs. Edward Mead
Santa Barbara.....Mrs. Frances L. Metcalf
Santa Monica..... Miss Eula Bixby
William Newkirk
Sierra Madre..... Rev. Charles W. Camp
Joel Pool
South Riverside.....L. F. Baird
Mrs. L. F. Baird
Ventura..... Mrs. Carrie Newby
Dea. N. W. Blanchard
Villa Park..... Rev. C. H. Longfellow
W. E. Marsh
Whittier..... Dr. A. M. Thomas
Mrs. A. M. Thomas

DELEGATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA,

Rev. W. W. Scudder.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. H. H. Wikoff, Rev. David W. Morgan.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D., was elected Moderator; Rev. Ewing O. Tade, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Frank A. Bissell, Scribe; and Charles H. Abernethy, Assistant Scribe.

After a reading from the Scriptures and a prayer by the Moderator, the Association voted to adopt the program reported by the Committee of Arrangements; also, on motion, to hold a half-hour sunrise prayer-meeting Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13TH.

The Association convened at 9 A. M.

After prayer by Rev. Harvey Jones, the Treasurer's Report was heard, accepted and referred to an auditing committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations. (Appendix A.)

The Registrar reported certain items of unfinished and new business, which were referred to the Business Committee.

The Moderator appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

On Nominations: Rev. W. N. Burr, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Rev. S. G. Emerson.

On Business: Rev. E. F. Goff, Dea. William Waterhouse, Dea. N. W. Blanchard.

On Resolutions: Rev. Allen Hastings, Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. N. T. Edwards.

Then followed a devotional service conducted by Rev. George H. DeKay.

Rev. E. E. P. Abbott reported his visit as fraternal delegate to the Presbytery of Los Angeles. Rev. W. W. Scudder presented greetings from the General Association of California.

Voted (on recommendation of the Business Committee): That our Constitution be amended as proposed at a former meeting, so that in Article II. instead of the words "in the seven Southern counties of California" shall be inserted the words "in that part of California south of the north line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino Counties," and so that in Article VII. the word "October" shall be substituted for the word "May."

Rev. J. H. Cooper read a paper on "The Tenth Legion," which was followed by an animated discussion.

The Committee on Temperance, in the place of a report from themselves, called for an address on "The Anti-Saloon League," by Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., who was followed on the same subject by Hon. T. D. Kanouse, State Superintendent of the League.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Woman's Home Missionary Union of Southern California, and the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific—Southern Branch—occupied each a half hour with reports and addresses. (See Appendix B and C.)

Voted, To telegraph the greetings of this Association to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, now in session at New Haven, Connecticut.

Rev. H. H. Wikoff, Field Secretary of the Congregational Church Building Society, addressed the meeting in behalf of that Society.

Rev. James T. Ford, Home Mission Superintendent for Southern California, read his annual report, (see Appendix D,) which was followed by an address from Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, relating to topics considered during the day, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we, temperance workers of all views, welcome and endorse, and will support the work of the able leaders and organization of the Anti-Saloon League.

Resolved, That we will appoint three delegates to the Convention of the League to meet in Los Angeles, Nov. 2nd, 1897.

Resolved, That in view of the great lack of means to carry on existing work in benevolent and missionary undertakings and the almost absolute inability to do aggressive Christian work, we welcome the movement for multiplying tithe-givers, and recommend that the pastors and churches of our General Association introduce the Tenth Legion movement into our Christian Endeavor Societies and congregations, and begin a wise but thorough education of our people in the duty, the privilege and the grace of benevolence—realizing that proportionate and systematic education must precede proportionate and systematic benevolence.

Resolved, That the Home Missionary Committee in connection with the Superintendent of Home Missions be requested to prepare and put in operation some systematic plan by which the collections of our churches for Home Missions shall be made earlier in the year and greatly increased in amount, and that

the Committee be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Association for any funds necessary to carry out such plan.

Resolved, That the Committee on Home Missions consist of nine members, to be elected in such way that the term of office of three of them shall expire each year.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on Education, presided, the evening being devoted to the interests of *Pomona College*.

After an introductory address by the Chairman, Rev. F. A. Bissell spoke on "The Education we want;" and David P. Barrows on "The place of Pomona College in Southern California." Prof. D. H. Colcord spoke representing the Faculty, and E. F. Hahn, representing the students of the College. Rev. Henry W. Jones read a letter from Rev. Sherlock Bristol with reference to Pomona College, offering resolutions which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions. These resolutions, after amendment by the Committee, were reported on the following day and adopted as follows:

Resolved, (1.) That the marvelous growth and success of Pomona College from its incipiency to this present time calls for devout gratitude and thanksgiving from the General Congregational Association of Southern California.

(2.) That this growth and success has been secured in an eminent degree through the self-denying and persistent efforts of Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., its beloved president.

(3.) That we regard as of the greatest value to the College his rare abilities to win the love of young people, to stimulate them in study, and to elevate them morally and spiritually.

(4.) That the large gifts to the College of President Baldwin and his family, amounting in all to over thirty thousand dollars, cannot be overlooked without base ingratitude.

(5.) That this Association hereby expresses its unanimous confidence in the character and ability of President Baldwin, its hearty affection for him as a man, and its respect for him as an educator.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., it was voted to add an expression of regret in view of the resignation of President Baldwin, which as afterward written out by the mover is as follows:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the resignation by President Baldwin of the work which he has carried on so successfully and so acceptably to the constituency of the College.

The following resolutions presented by the Committee were also adopted:

Whereas, Our hopes for higher Christian education in Southern California are centered in Pomona College, therefore,

Resolved, That the College has our sincere affection, our hearty support and our earnest prayers.

Resolved, That in the present crisis in administration, in the continued pressure of financial necessities and in all the life and teaching of the College, we continue to look to the Trustees and the Faculty for the inculcation of 'the truth as it is in Jesus,' and the embodiment of Christian honor, integrity and love.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14th.

The session was opened by devotional services led by Rev. J. C. Rollins.

The Business Committee reported recommending additions to the By-Laws as follows:

1. That in By-Law 2 the following be added to the list of Permanent Committees: "On Foreign Missions, On Interdenominational Comity, On Lord's Day Observance."

2. That a By-Law be added in these words: "The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each annual meeting of the Association, and at that time an offering shall be made for the Congregational Ministers' Relief Association."

Voted, That the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

Rev. James T. Ford was elected to represent the Association at the next meeting of the National Council.

Voted, That Rev. J. C. Rollins be appointed to convey the greetings of this body to the Baptist Association soon to meet in San Bernardino.

The Committee on Nominations made report, which, after amendment, was adopted as follows:

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—For three years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Dea. N. W. Blanchard, Prof. D. H. Colcord. For two years: Rev. W. F. Day, D. D., Rev. F. S. Forbes, Hon. Charles E. Harwood. For one year: Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. Allen Hastings, S. H. Herrick.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. A. E. Tracy, Mrs. E. M. Pease, Mrs. George W. Marston, Prof. A. D. Bissell, Rev. S. G. Lamb.

On Sunday-Schools—John P. Fisk, Jr., Don A. Judd, Mrs. M. B. Withington, Rev. B. F. Hewlett, Rev. F. A. Field.

On Education—Rev. E. F. Goff, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. F. A. Bissell.

On Temperance—Rev. N. T. Edwards, Rev. S. D. Belt, Mrs. C. E. Richards.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Rev. N. T. Edwards, Rev. James T. Ford, Rev. Thomas Hendry, Rev. George Robertson, Dea. Thomas Barrows.

On Publication—J. B. Irvine, Jr., C. H. Abernethy, Rev. James T. Ford.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. George H. DeKay, Rev. D. D. Hill, Prof. D. H. Colcord, Rev. E. O. Tade.

On Sabbath Observance—A. D. Babcock, Dea. S. H. Barrett, Rev. J. H. Cooper.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

For Directors of the Ministers' Relief Association—Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. O. H. Spoor, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. Harvey Jones, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

For Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Prof. E. C. Norton, Prof. H. E. Storrs, Rev. C. S. Vaile. For two years: Rev. F. A. Field, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Dea. Thomas

Barrows, John P. Fisk, Jr., Rev. J. M. Schaefle. For one year: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill.

For Delegates to the General Association of California—Rev. L. H. Frary, Dea. N. W. Blanchard.

Next Annual Meeting of this Association—

Place and Time—At Escondido, Oct. 11, 1898.

Preacher—Rev. E. F. Goff; Alternate, Rev. F. S. Forbes.

To Report the Work of the Churches—Rev. Thomas Hendry.

At ten o'clock, Rev. H. P. Case, Superintendent of Sunday-School Work, presented his Annual Report. (See Appendix, E.)

Prof. D. H. Colcord read a paper on "Other-Worldliness," which was followed by a general discussion.

The claims of work among our Spanish-speaking people were presented by Rev. A. B. Case.

It was voted to refer the subject to the *Committee on Resolutions*, who later presented a resolution which was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we recognize the needy spiritual condition of the Spanish-speaking people all about us; that we regret the long-continued neglect of our churches to establish evangelical work among them; that we rejoice in the movement recently initiated by our Brother Alden B. Case for their evangelization, and heartily commend to our churches this work, now under the auspices of the California Spanish Missionary Society.

At 11:30 A. M., the Association gave way for the annual meeting of the

Congregational Ministers' Relief Association of Southern California.

Rev. Henry W. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Directors, took the chair.

The *Trustees* nominated by the Association were elected and the Board was organized for the year as follows:

Rev. Henry W. Jones, President; Rev. Harvey Jones, Secretary; Rev. Elijah Cash, Treasurer; remaining members, Rev. O. H. Spoor, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 P. M. After devotional exercises, the Association proceeded to business.

No church having invited the next annual meeting of the Association, it was *voted* to refer the matter to the Committee of Arrangements with power to appoint the place.

On recommendation of the *Business Committee*, the following By-Law was enacted:

It shall be the duty of the Registrar to notify the Chairman of every Permanent Committee of his appointment, and to report to him the names of the members of his Committee; and it shall be the duty of each Chairman to call a meeting of his Committee before the adjournment of the Association, and to secure, if possible, the participation of all its members in the Committee's work.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to all our churches that they send to the Treasurer of the Congregational Ministers' Relief Association of Southern California the first communion-collection of each year, and that we urge every pastor to become a member of that Association.

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting be requested to give our laymen as large a place as possible on the program for that meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be hereby extended to the church and people that have entertained us, and especially to the pastor and his wife, for their thoughtful kindness and hospitality, and their complete arrangements for the success of our meeting; to the friends who so generously provided for our drive over the Heights and conducted us on that excursion; and to the Redlands *Facts* for its full reports of the proceedings of the Association and its liberal gift of copies for distribution among us.

Voted, That the Nominating Committee be authorized to appoint the three delegates from this body to the Anti-Saloon League Convention.

Because the time was too short for the reading of the Minutes and their approval by the Association as a body, it was *voted* that they be referred to the Registrar and Scribe for amendment, if necessary, and for final approval.

A Summary of the Reports of the Churches concerning their state and work was read by Rev. C. S. Vaile. (See Appendix, F.)

The closing service of the meeting was the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at which Rev. Joseph Wild, D. D., and Rev. William L. Jones presided, assisted by Deacons Blanchard, Seaman, Bedford and Morey.

F. A. BISSELL, SCRIBE.

JAMES T. FORD, REGISTRAR.

APPENDIX.

A

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California

In account with James T. Ford, Treasurer.

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1896		
Oct. 13.	By Balance in Treasury, - - - - -	$219.01
Oct. 13.	By dues from Alpine, $2.60; Avalon, $1.20; Bloomington, $7.00; Dehesa, .90; DeLuz, .40; Etiwanda, .90; Flinn Valley,. 75; Jamul, .80; Los Angeles, 1st, $25.75; Los Angeles, West End, $2.25; Los Angeles, Olivet, $1.95; Los Angeles, Bethlehem, .50; Mentone, $2.75; Monrovia, $2.50; Pasadena, 1st, $16.50; Perris, $3.90; Pico Heights, $2.35; Pomona, $17.70; Redlands, 1st, $10.75; Redlands, Lugonia Terrace, $4.00; Rialto, $11.76; Riverside, $39.08; San Jacinto, $2.60; Santa Barbara, $9.90; Santa Monica, $2.25; Spring Valley, $1.45; Vernondale, $3.60; Villa Park, $2.00; Saticoy, $2.00; Needles, $1.10; Ontario, $6.00; La Mesa, .80; San Diego, 2nd, $2.35; Pasadena, North, $3.95; Sierra Madre, $4.00; Los Angeles, East, $8.85; Moreno, $3.90; Nordhoff, $2.85; Eagle Rock, $1.15; Poway, $2.00; South Riverside, $6.25, - - - -	223.29
1897		
April 15.	By dues from Escondido, $6.55; Chula Vista, $2.50; Oceanside, $1.10; Encinitas, .40; Highland, $5.60; San Bernardino, $8.60; Compton, $2.90; Los Angeles, 3rd, $3.30; Redondo, $1.35; Ventura, $6.35; Whittier, $1.85; Claremont, $5.15; Los Angeles, Park, $7.05; Paso Robles, $2.30; Daggett, .25, - - - - - -	55.25
		$497.55

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1896				
Nov. 24,	To amount paid J. B. Irvine, Jr., for copying Minutes for printer, -		$2.00	
Dec. 21,	" expense of collecting Church Reports,		4.00	
1897				
Feb. 27,	" amount paid J. B. Irvine, Jr., for preparing and proof-reading Minutes,		6.00	
Mar. 3,	" " paid T. T. Jones & Son for printing Minutes, 1600 copies,		146.60	
" 4,	" " " for wrapping and sending Minutes to Churches, -		16.30	
" 29,	" expense of collecting Church Statistics,		2.25	
	" " " wrappers and postage of Minutes to individuals, -		4.70	
	" payment of dues to National Council,		116.88	
	" expense of programs and postage for General Association, -		8.00	
				306.73
	Balance transferred to new account,			190.82
				$497.55

B

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

With pleasure we report that our President, Mrs. W. F. Day, whose absence from this Association we regret so much, is still our leader in the good work. Her intense, self-sacrificing interest in every Home Missionary effort does much to inspire us all. We pray that she may return from her visit in the East with renewed strength, again to take up her work among us. Our indefatigable Treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Smith, of Riverside, is also, we rejoice to say, still at her post. Her long connection with the work of the Union and her intimate knowledge of every detail of that work render her almost indispensable to its success. Among the other officers we have been forced to make

some changes. Our most valued and efficient Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Washburn, having resigned, owing to lack of strength further to carry on the work, Mrs. K. G. Robertson, of Mentone, was appointed her successor. Our new Superintendent of Young People's Work, Miss Mayhew, of Los Angeles, who is so well known as an earnest, devoted missionary worker, has entered upon the duties of her office with courage and vigor, and we look for large results. Miss Peck, of Los Angeles, as Superintendent of Children's Work is coming into close touch with the little folks through the bright, helpful letters which she is sending to our Sabbath-Schools and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies. We trust there will be large returns in the way of increased contributions for the Children's Missionary, Rev. John A. Rogers, of Alpine. We gladly report a forward movement in connection with every department of our work during the past year. At the last Annual Meeting, our Secretary reported an increase of interest in the various auxiliaries—several societies having so increased their membership by change of constitution as to take in all the women of the church. The Superintendent of Young People's Work also reported an increase of interest and said: "The cause of Home Missions when presented to many of our Endeavor Societies and Young People's Missionary Societies has reached their hearts as never before, and touched a responsive chord." The number of Sabbath-Schools contributing has been larger than in any previous year.

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's Report given at our last Annual Meeting, April 9th, 1897. We should bear in mind that this report is for a year and a half, owing to the change in time of holding our Annual Meeting—from Autumn to Spring:

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Cash on Hand, September 25, 1895,	$ 73.13
Los Angeles and Orange Counties	1,963.36
Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties	143.82
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties	1,185.29
San Diego County	265.47
Donations	382.80
Collections	21.97
Total Receipts	$4,035.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Congregational Home Missionary Society - -	$2,196.99
Congregational Education Society (Pomona College)	820.21
Congregational Church Building Society - -	391.35
Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society	68.15
American Missionary Association - - - -	230.25
Ministerial Relief Fund - - - - -	2.85
Central Avenue Church Building - - - -	100.00
West End Church Building - - - - -	40.00
Santa Monica Church Building - - - -	5.00
Work of Bethlehem Church - - - - -	99.89
Work Among Mexicans - - - - - - -	5.00
Expenses—Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc. -	67.05
	$4,026.74
Cash on Hand, April 1st, 1897, - - - - - -	9.10
Total - - - - - - - - -	$4,035.84

MARY M. SMITH, TREASURER.

Since April, our Treasurer reports having received over $500.00. We are endeavoring to raise $2,000.00 more before next April, which *we must do* if we are to make even a small advance upon the receipts of any previous year. Letters have been sent by the President and Secretary to every auxiliary and church, asking them to pledge as large an amount as possible toward the hoped-for $2,000.00. Most encouraging responses have already been received from some of the churches, and we feel confident that many others will soon signify their willingness to participate in this effort.

KATE G. ROBERTSON, SECRETARY.

Oct. 13, 1897.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE PACIFIC, 1896-1897.

[CONDENSED.]

This year, 1897, in which the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific, with its five Branches, enters upon its twenty-fifth year, is the seventh year of the Southern California Branch.

At the Annual Meeting in Pomona, in April, thirty-four senior societies, twenty-two young people's societies, twenty-three junior societies and mission bands, and ten Sunday-Schools were reported as having contributed through our treasury since the previous meeting in October, 1895. The amounts were:

From Senior Societies - - - - - - - -	$1,484.40
" Young People - - - - - - - -	358.05
" Children - - - - - - - - -	211.40
This, with a balance from the year before, made a total of - - - - - - - - for the eighteen months.	$2,307.63

There is an earnest activity manifest in these societies, which must grow into larger purpose and usefulness in the years to come.

The young people have been especially unified by voluntarily adopting Miss Harwood, of Japan, as theirs to work and pray for —a sufficient sum being pledged by them to meet the proportion of her salary asked of the Southern Branch.

The "appropriations" of the Branch for 1897-98 are:

Japan—Miss Harwood, } Miss Denton, } - - - - -	$500.00
Spain—San Sebastian, Girls' School, - - - - -	200.00
Africa—Mrs. Dorward's Work, Zulu Mission, - - - - -	200.00

Br't for'd,	$900.00
Turkey—Brousa, Armenian Day and Boarding School - - -	200.00
India—Madura District, Mrs. Perkins' School - - -	100.00
Micronesia—Kusaie, Miss Wilson, - -	100.00
Morning Star, - - - - - -	200.00
China—Shansi, Mrs. Hall, - - -	50.00
Total, - - - - - -	$1,550.00

The Annual Meeting in April, 1898, will be held in Riverside.

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT,

MRS. C. P. NICHOLS, SECRETARY.

D

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

BY REV. JAMES T. FORD, SUPERINTENDENT.

THE WORK DONE.

During the past year, our Home Missionary Society has aided in the support among us of thirty-seven different missionaries. Some have labored only a part of the year, but the whole have fulfilled thirty-one years of pastoral work. They have ministered to forty-seven churches, and not less than twenty-one out-stations.

We cannot number the increase in membership resulting from this work, for no accurate statistics have been gathered since January 1st. But in some of our mission fields there has been notable growth, especially in Escondido, Los Angeles Third, Nordhoff, Perris, Pico Heights, Redondo Beach, Rosedale, and Santa Ana. At Bethlehem, Los Angeles, growth is manifest in its reaching out into Spanish and Italian work, its added Sunday-School chapel, its active Rescue-Band, its social settlement and the increased numbers influenced by its varied departments of civilizing and evangelistic effort.

Three new churches have been organized—one at Hamlin school-house in Kern county, located on the line of the approaching Valley Railroad, and appearing to promise an important future; another at Los Alamitos, well known as the center of a growing beet-sugar industry; a third at La Cañada, a foot-hill suburb of Pasadena. No home missionary has been commissioned for either of these points; but the churches were organized under Home Mission auspices in the hope that they might hereafter, if needful, be fostered by Home Mission aid.

The most manifest progress of the year has been in the line of church building. Three enterprises of this kind initiated last year—La Mesa, Norwalk and West End, Los Angeles—are now completed. The latter seemed at first a movement well nigh hopeless of successful issue; but with push, patience and perseverance on the part of Pastor Morris and his people, supplemented by the generous aid of the Church Building Society, the result is an attractive edifice capable of seating in its two parts—the old and the new—a congregation of four hundred hearers.

The moving, enlarging and rejuvenating of the church at Compton should be placed in this list, for the result is a house of worship new both in appearance and in practical usefulness. We must add to these the buildings begun this year and already finished, or nearly finished. These are the plain mission chapel of the Bethlehem church, the churches at Sherman and La Cañada, and the church and parsonage at Los Alamitos—not to mention those built by self-supporting churches. While all these commend the courage, enterprise and self-denial of the builders, the work at Los Alamitos deserves more than a passing notice. It is a miracle of heroic energy which could scarcely have been wrought except our well-known Brother Hill had been in the forefront of the work. Starting with a lot and half the needed lumber—the gift of the capitalists interested in the settlement—with a congregation ready indeed to do what they could, but almost utterly destitute of money or even time to forward the work, with not a cent of salary during the time of building, he gave himself so unreservedly to the enterprise—heart, hand, brain and purse—as to secure within a few short months the building of a church and parsonage such as many a congregation after years of effort has sought in vain to provide.

HINDRANCES AND DISCOURAGEMENTS.

But there have been many drawbacks and discouragements to the forward movement of the year. The men at the front have been left without suitable support. Word came in January that on account of the reduced income of our Home Missionary Society and its accumulating debt, the amount apportioned for work in Southern California must be $2,400 less than last year. This meant that no evangelist could be employed for harvest work in home mission fields; that no general missionary could be sent forth to supply long-neglected destitutions in our more sparsely settled regions; that no successor could be sent in place of the missionary withdrawn last year from the desert stations along the Mojave river; that the aid hitherto doled out to certain needy enterprises must cease to be granted; that we must turn a deaf ear to calls for help in planting new churches, however promising the prospect; that no grant could be made for the self-sacrificing and successful work of Missionary Case among our Spanish-speaking neighbors; and especially that twenty per cent. must be deducted from the already diminished aid granted to our missionary pastors.

Our deprivation seemed too great to be borne. But when the accounts of the fiscal year were closed, April 1st, and it was found that the debt of our Society was more than $127,000, the wisdom of the reduction was manifest. It was none too great for the emergency, and had been made none too soon. It was, however, none the less ruinous to the work and distressing to the workers.

The anxiety at the mission-rooms appeared in repeated letters to Superintendents—one enjoining us to save to the Society as much as possible of the reduced apportionments already made to our districts; another admonishing us that on account of the enormous debt, money could not be borrowed at the banks to pay the stipends of the missionaries when due, and payment must be delayed till the tardy collections of the churches should furnish the means; and still another warning us that "the present condition of receipts might make it imperative before the close of the year to make a still further cut in the apportionment." At the May meeting of the Executive Committee at New York, so critical was the condition felt to be that they dared not grant for the full time of twelve months the appli-

cations presented at that meeting. They granted them for six months, waiting for more light to warrant an extension to the end of the year.

Then followed the anticipated delay in remittances, the anxious waiting by the missionary till July for the quarterly payment due in May, and till September for the payment due in July; also the further anxiety lest at the end of the first six months the payments should entirely cease. Letters received from missionaries contain expressions like these: "Embarrassed beyond measure by the delay;" "Had promised to pay grocer when remittance was due; was ashamed to meet him without being able to fulfill my promise;" "My inconvenience was increased by diminished receipts from my people;" "Am not able to meet my rent-payments when due, and this brings reproach on the ministerial office;" "Am compelled to cut off books and literature; as for vacation, that is out of the question." Most of them do not expect their people to make up the reduction in Home Mission aid. Only three, in answer to inquiry, say that their people have decided to do so. One of these doubts if they will be able to do it. The general feeling is averse to complaint. Some speak rather of the privations of their people than of their own. One writes: "Humanly speaking, we need double our present salary to carry on the work in this vineyard; but the Head Gardener knows best, and if he asks us to work on half-pay it is not ours to murmur or question, but to do and trust. Our blessings far outrun our trials, and among the greatest of these we count the privilege of work."

Whose the Fault?

Brethren, is not the laborer worthy of his hire? Is he not worthy to receive it when it becomes due? Should he be hindered in his work by needless privation? Does not even worldly prudence join with the Word in proclaiming, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn"?

A great missionary Society, the chosen agency of 600,000 church members in our country—of 6,000 members in Southern California—which makes its appropriations for mission-work on the basis of the average amount put into its hand by these churches for several successive previous years, found, last year, its support withdrawn in such measure that it was compelled to say, We must lessen by about one-fifth the aid granted to our

missionaries. In substance it said, To balance our accounts we have no other resource but to make a forced levy on the meager salaries of our missionaries. We must take from this one $80, from that one $60, and from another $40.

Is this honorable? Is it honest? If not, against whom lies the charge of dishonest or dishonorable action? Against the agent, or against the employer? Against the Home Missionary Society, or against the churches which have made it their agent for the transaction of their business? It is a long-established maxim of law that he who does a thing through another does it himself.

If the home missionary who was aided last year to the amount of $300 must accept this year $60 less, he practically contributes, willing or unwilling, $60 to the Home Missionary Society. But the average church member in Southern California contributed last year less than 60 cents to the same Society, and, according to our statistics, less than $16 for all church expenditures and charities. Is this an equal distribution of the financial responsibilities of our gospel-work?

If our Southern California churches had contributed last year as liberally as they did the previous year, they would have less reason to judge themselves concerning this matter. Their contributions of the previous year were $4,611.45; of last year, only $3,450.40; a falling off of $1,161.00—more than one-fourth. Their shortage corresponds very nearly with the shortage of the churches in other parts of our country, and they must come with the rest to judgment.

A False Solution of the Difficulty.

But some one may possibly suggest that the privations and inequalities spoken of have grown out of an inconsiderate ambition to multiply churches, and that the logical remedy is to decapitate one-fifth of our aided churches that the rest may receive a suitable support.

Will the brother who makes this suggestion apply his remedy to the case of the ten children in his family? With which one will he begin?

Let me ask another question. Will any one dare say that we are doing too much mission-work in Southern California? So long as there are tens of thousands in its more thinly inhab-

ited districts, and among its people those speaking other tongues, to whom the gospel is not brought nigh, the time has not come to call a halt in our contributions, or to circumscribe our work.

We may have misjudged in the planting of some churches and thus hindered our opportunity to plant others that would have done better work. But to cut them off now might be a greater error than it was to plant them at first.

It should be added that if our Southern California churches were accustomed to give now for home missions as they gave when most of the increase in our work was made; if they were to give now as their former gifts encouraged us to believe they would continue to give; if the rate of giving were $1.55 per member as it was in '89 and '91, our avails for work this year would presumably be $4,000 more than they are; and there would be no such hardship for missionaries and no talk of relief by the decapitation of churches.

The True Solution.

There is an easier and more Christian-like solution of our difficulties. Let our church members average a nickel a week per member for this work and we shall have $15,000 a year for home missions in our district—nearly $5,000 more than we have to use now—and that without asking or receiving a cent from the East. We could form our own Southern California Home Missionary Society, and under Christ manage our own work with larger resources than we have today. Is it impossible to do this? Why, during the past hard year eleven of our churches have raised about $30,000 to build and enlarge for themselves houses of worship. Cannot our seven times eleven churches raise half that amount to enlarge the essential work to which we are called, the laying foundations for the spiritual temple in the waste places of our domain?

If we were to collect only as much per member as our average Home Mission contributions were during five years, ending with 1892—$1.42 per member—and should receive, in addition, as much as we receive now from New York, we should have nearly $15,000—an amount greater than we have had for this use in any previous year of our history. If our minds were rightly informed concerning our home needs and our hearts suitably kindled in view of them, would it be hard to collect this? Nay!

would it not be easy to collect the *nickel per week* and release the collections of the East to be used for the redemption of the slums of its cities and the evangelization of its hordes of godless or superstitious emigrants?

A Better Method Needed.

Shall we leave this meeting without concerting some measures to change retreat into advance and to organize victory?

It is painfully apparent that if we would relieve our difficulties and set ourselves right with God and men, two things must be done: 1st, we must give more; 2nd, we must give earlier. Last year more than two-thirds of the collections of Southern California for the whole year failed to reach the treasury until the last month of the year. But the expenses of the Society began with the beginning of the year and continued at nearly the same rate, month by month, until the end. The tardiness of our collections necessitated the bad economy on the part of our Society of borrowing money and paying interest on it to meet these monthly obligations. The scantiness of our collections helped to swell the debt with its accumulating interest to $127,000. That debt demands interest now and will continue to demand interest until it is paid.

Plainly, we need a *better method* in our collections. We need more information and more consecration, indeed, but we need system to make our information and consecration effective.

The exceptional record of a single church among us suggests a method for our home mission collections. The church at Pomona has not failed, I think, since its beginning, to contribute each year twice as many dollars as it had members at the beginning of the year. Its method faithfully followed by other churches would place many of them in the same rank. This is the method: At the beginning of the year its members make pledges to pay so much weekly or monthly to this object. It proposes without reserve to raise two dollars per member per year. The pastor enters heartily into this plan, and kindles it with his inspiration. As the end of the year approaches, if the avails of this subscription do not prove to be sufficient, a final collection is taken to round up the amount to the two-dollar standard.

Brethren, let us adopt this or some better plan. Let the plan, whatever it be, work toward the collection by the church of a

definite amount. Let this Association appoint a special committee, or instruct its home mission committee to recommend a plan for the next home mission year, and authorize this committee, if need be, to provide at the expense of the Association such printed matter for the churches as will best help to the execution of the plan. Let it be, if thought best, a plan which, like the well-known Harris plan, comprehends in its scope other objects of Christian beneficence. Let the Tenth Legion, with its pledge to give a definite proportion of its income, join forces with this movement. Let the plan be wrought out and adopted with a profound sense of the responsibilities of Christian stewardship, and an overflowing love that inquires, How much can I do for Christ, for my fellow-laborers in His work, and for the salvation of all for whom He died? The sad record of the past year calls for decisive, consecrated action to redeem its failures. We can redeem them, and so doing make them stepping stones to a higher plane of Christian fruitfulness, a richer enjoyment of fellowship with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, RECEIVED AT NEW YORK FROM APRIL 1, 1896, TO MARCH 31, 1897.

Abbreviations: C., Church; W. S., Woman's Society; C. E., Christian Endeavor; S. S., Sabbath-School.

Alessandro, C.	$ 10.50
Alpine and Flinn Valley, C. 4.88; W. S. 2.67; C. E. 6.50; S. S. 1.85	15.90
Avalon, C. 21.00; W. S. 6.90	27.90
Bakersfield, C.	20.00
Bloomington, S. S.	1.10
Buena Park, C. 7.75; W. S. 2.50	10.25
Chula Vista, C. 20.00; W. S. 12.16; C. E. 4.34; S. S. 5.44.	41.94
Claremont, W. S. 25.00; S. S. 5.65; Jr. C. E. 1.60	32.25
Corona, C. 67.00; W. S. 11.00; C. E. 15.00; S. S. 1.83	94.83
Daggett, S. S.	1.85
Dehesa, C.	6.63
Eagle Rock, C.	23.70
Escondido, C. 50.73; W. S. 18.35	69.08
Etiwanda, C.	18.27

Highland, C. 22.40; W. S. 14.45; C. E. 2.00; Jr. C. E. 2.50; S. S. 10.45	51.80
Jamul, C. 17.00; S. S. 1.06; Jamacha S. S. 1.25	19.31
Llano, S. S.	1.00
Los Angeles, First, C. 231.89; W. S. 102.00; Y. L. S. 8.75; Jr. C. E. 5.00; S. S. 10.00	357.64
" Park, C. 30.00; W. S. 8.00	38.00
" East, C. 41.80; W. S. 19.15; S. S. 4.27	65.22
" Pico Heights and Hyde Park, C. 21.00; W. S. 2.27	23.27
" Plymouth, W. S.	3.00
" West End, C. 2.50; W. S. 2.00; C. E. 4.50	9.00
" Bethlehem, C. 5.35; W. S. 5.00	10.35
" Central Ave., C.	8.00
Mentone, C. 2.00: W. S. 19.00	21.00
Monrovia, C.	5.00
Moreno, C.	16.20
National City, C. 32.15; W. S. 10.20; S. S. .35	42.70
Needles, C.	20.00
Nordhoff, C. 45.35; W. S. 2.40	47.75
Oceanside and Encinitas, C.	7.40
Ontario, C. 113.00; W. S. 20.30; C. E. 5.00; Jr. C. E. 5.50.	143.80
Pasadena, First, C. 98.75; W. S. 44.00; C. E. 10.00; Int. C. E. 2.50; Jr. C. E. 2.50; S. S. 16.00; Individuals, 161.00	334.75
Paso Robles, C.	8.50
Perris, C. .20; W. S. 12.77	12.97
Pomona, C. 445.00; W. S. 96.98; C. E. 13.50; Jr. C. E. 5.00; S. S. 50.00	610.48
Poway, C. 10.50; W. S. 14.00	24.50
Redlands, First, C. 67.25; W. S. 66.50; Y. W. S. 15.00	148.75
" Lugonia Terrace, C. 47.25; C. E. 6.75	54.00
Redondo Beach, C.	21.56
Rialto, C. E. 4.95; S. S. .50	5.45
Riverside, C. 87.53; W. S. 115.00; C. E. 7.00; Jr. C. E. 10.00; S. S. 7.75	227.28
Rosedale and Poso, C.	11.50
San Bernardino, C. 19.50; W. S. 9.50; S. S. 3.07; Bethel Mission, 2.00	34.07
San Diego, First, C. 160.00; W. S. 13.65; C. E. 10.00; S. S. 15.62; Individuals, 30.50	229.77
San Diego, Second and La Mesa, C.	44.37
San Jacinto, C. 11.55; W. S. 11.40; S. S. .65	23.60
San Luis Obispo, C.	15.90
San Miguel, C.	5.80

Santa Ana, C. 16.00; S. S. .86	16.86
Santa Barbara, W. S. 20.05; A Friend, 50.00	70.05
Santa Monica, C.	23.55
Saticoy, A Friend	4.00
Sierra Madre, C. 21.53; W. S. 3.45; S. S. 1.80	26.78
Spring Valley, C.	22.00
Ventura, C. 36.37; W. S. 11.40; A Friend, 100.00	147.77
Vernondale, C. 17.25; W. S. 8.00; C. E. 1.00; S. S. 3.10; A Friend, 15.00	44.35
Villa Park, W. S.	1.25
Whittier, C. 10.00; W. S. 4.00: S. S. 2.00	16.00
Collections, -	$3,450.50
A Legacy—Rev. D. B. Eells, of Ontario	1,000.00
Total, - - -	$4,450.50

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REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

By Rev. H. P. Case, District Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society.

I. *The National Work* of the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society—statistics are six months old. But few will be given.

The 65th Annual Report of this Society was made April 20th, 1897.

That Report said:

1. As to its *Workers:* "We have had 35 Superintendents and Missionaries at work in 28 States and Territories, who represent 29 years of continuous labor. They have been earnest and faithful in their work: they have prayed, planned and toiled unremittingly during the heat of summer and the cold of winter." "One lady Missionary—Mrs. Bryner, of Chicago—has been added to the working force; also, two wives of Missionaries, able to travel with their husbands, have been commissioned." On the other

hand, one Superintendent and four or five helpers have been dropped on account of lessening receipts.

2. As to total *Results:* These laborers organized 521 new schools and revived or reorganized 111 schools that for various reasons had suspended. In order to do their work they have journeyed over 400,000 miles, and have given over 6,500 addresses or sermons.

1,438 schools were aided with gifts of literature amounting to $9,428.00.

Of these schools previously organized and aided, more than 1,000 are in places where there are no other religious services.

The funds available for expenditure during the past year were $64,895.91, or $2,939.86 less than the previous year. But by reducing the working force and by other methods the Society not only closed its fiscal year without a debt but had $2,002.76 in its treasury.

We are aware that this is entirely too "old-fashioned," this closing the year without debt. Concerning which Secretary Boynton says:

"We claim no credit for being solvent, but we do object to being punished for it. That our work is such that by strenuous and self-denying exertion we can keep our heads above water, and that we make out to do it, is no reason why the friends of our own family should be satisfied if only we do not entirely drown.

"We hope that those who give to us through the churches and through other channels will not, because we are not bankrupt, keep us so poor as to compel us into insolvency that we may have a plea which they can hear. On the whole we purpose still to try to incur no obligations which we cannot meet, and trust to the financial support of those who are quite ready to say, 'Well done.' We are sure that the best business men and the children will stand by us, and between them enable us to say, 'Well supported.'"

3. As to the *Sunday-school Literature* offered by our Society to our schools and churches, "What more shall I say"? There it is: look at it! It has been tested. Its circulation is rapidly increasing because its quality is steadily improving, if that which is almost perfect can be improved. And *why* any *Congregational*

school should continue to use inferior literature is a conundrum —or an *inconsistency!*

II. The work of the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society as continued in *Southern California* during the past twelve months.

The nature and method of this work is set forth in the words of our General Secretary, Rev. G. M. Boynton, D. D., in his last annual Report, as follows:

"The first work of our State and district representatives is to attend to the *missionary* work in their respective fields; to the organization of new schools when these are possible and needed, and whenever possible by securing this through the co-operation of churches and their pastors rather than by their personal labors; to the continuance of needed mission-schools and the supply of their necessary wants—often as hard a task as to start new organizations; to do all in their power to raise the standard of Sunday-school organization and teaching by institutes and personal advice; and to push this arm of church service to its greatest possible efficiency. Incidentally they present the missionary work to the churches and Sunday-schools by addresses and by correspondence, and secure their financial help. While doing this they are always on the lookout for new openings to fill and better work to be done."

In accord with this method, your speaker, the only representative of the Society in the territory covered by this Association, has continued his labors, and they are briefly indicated by the following statistical summary for the twelve months closing Sept. 30, 1897:

New Schools organized	13
Schools revived by personal labors	10
Total membership of New Schools	525
Schools visited	68
Grants of Literature	55
Value of said grants	$175
Sermons and Addresses	183
Miles traveled in the work	14,015
Total money received from this Field	$536.08

We shall consider the financial items more in detail later.

The *Status* of Sunday-school matters in our District is not greatly changed from what it was one year ago.

We then stated that, in these nine Counties with their more than 60,000 of public school age scattered through 600 school districts, were 10,000 children in 200 of these districts who had no Sunday-school within reach.

From observation, correspondence and other information, we feel safe in saying that in 25 or 30 of those dark districts the Sunday-school light has been lighted. Others beside your speaker have been at work and it begins to look as if in a few years, if only no more school districts shall be formed, the Sunday-school Missionary can call the work closed, *if also* the schools once organized would stay alive and prosper! However, there remains need of a Missionary to visit and put a living Sunday-school into those other 175 districts.

And still abides the trinity of evil forces opposing the salvation of California youth: *Parental Indifference, Deceptive World-Glare* (called civilization), and the *Degradation of Natural Animalism.* And as a result these ten thousand neglected ones, as well as thousands more, are yearly farther from the Savior who said, "Suffer the little ones and forbid them not to come unto Me." What are we going to do about it?

III. *Some Suggestions toward progress* in our work:

A—As to the work in our 77 Church Sunday-schools.

For the past two years I have left the presentation of this part of the subject to your Sunday-school Committee, and not being a member of it have not felt responsible for that Report.

But as a part of my duty consists in giving aid to our Church-schools, as far as lies in my power, I have visited most of them during the past year with that object in mind. I have made the following observations:

1. Most of them are well organized and have a sufficient number of officers and teachers.

2. Many have excellent furnishings, as room, maps, libraries and current literature, lesson helps, etc.

3. Most have a sufficiently definite program of exercises, and the true end in view, namely, specific Bible-teaching for the purpose of producing Christian character.

4. Most of our schools have membership that averages fairly well with the schools of other denominations in their conterminous fields.

5. While I have not gathered the statistics, yet I infer that in most Church-schools some members have made open profession of religion during the past year, and a larger number are active members in the various Endeavor Societies.

6. Sixty of these schools observed Children's Day and made an offering to the Missionary Work of the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society, while quite a number of them have made offerings to other worthy objects.

7. In several of them specific temperance work is being done by both teaching and pledging.

8. In all of them considerable social life is being cultivated by picnics, socials, concerts, Christmas trees, etc., etc.

On the other hand, I have observed that

1. Almost all schools lack deep conviction of the *supreme* importance of their work. I speak soberly when I say "supreme importance." The *opportunity*, the *method* and the *purpose* of Sunday-school work place it in the front rank of all church activities. Most Sunday-school workers have not realized this fact. This *great lack* accounts for nearly every defect in the work and the workers.

Whoever will bring to our 700 Sunday-school workers in Southern California the conviction of the supreme importance of their work will rally such a victorious host as has never yet been seen in this field. This is the greatest want of our Sunday-school work.

2. Another observation that shows defect in our work is lack of preparation in the teachers. Many of them are qualified to teach the public school books, but have hardly a child's knowledge of the Bible, the only text-book of the Sunday-school. Other teachers have a fair knowledge of the Bible but no knowledge of *how* to teach it. This is a natural result of the fact that only about one-quarter of our schools have teachers' meetings.

3. Another defect observed is the too-prevalent lack of study on the part of the scholars in the Sunday-school. In many cases there seems to be the feeling that earnest study by the pupil is no part of Sunday-school work. Teachers meet it almost everywhere, among intelligent young people as well as among street-arabs.

4. Another defect in our Sunday-school work is the ridiculously insignificant results in *giving*. I do not mean contributing to

the expenses of the school: that is not *giving;* it is *business.* What a corporation pays to its employees or for the running expenses of its factory is not called a benevolent contribution. Perhaps our 7,500 enrolled Sunday-school members gave to worthy objects outside their own organization an average of ten cents each during the past year. But it is very doubtful if that amount were reached.

B. As to *Missionary Sunday-school Work.*

1. *Its Need* remains. Southern California Christians have not done all their duty until *20,000* more children are gathered into Evangelical Sunday-schools. We *also* have *some* responsibility for the more than *100,000* un-Sunday-schooled children in our great State, and for the *9,000,000* in our Nation still untaught the Gospel-truths said to be "able to make a soul wise unto salvation." In addition to the vast army of volunteer Sunday-school teachers—every one of whom may be a *missionary*—there is still need of not only the 35 Missionary Superintendents of our National Sunday-school Society, but of *ten times* as many to go forth into the thousands of religiously neglected places and start schools of Bible-study.

2. How can this need be met?

First, *make your Sunday-school a missionary force.* Consecrate your workers! Let every teacher know his or her "high calling." Plan missionary extension work for your scholars and workers in your parish. Use means to secure new scholars; make a thorough canvass of every family in your parish. Organize a "Home Department" and perseveringly work it. Look about you for opportunity to start a branch Sunday-school or a mission, and put your workers into it. Keep in touch with the larger work of your Missionary Sunday-school Society, and the Interdenominational work. Hold a weekly (not w-e-a-k-l-y) teachers' meeting. Have at least a quarterly Sunday-school concert or Institute for enthusiasm and instruction.

Second, co-operate intelligently, cordially and practically with your Sunday-school Missionary Society.

After ten years of labor among you, your speaker, the Missionary of your Sunday-school Society, has much to thank you for, and very little, if any, fault to find. Yet, trying to forget that he is personally interested, your speaker wants to emphasize three things.

1. When pastors of our churches can more fully care for mission-schools organized by the missionary within reach of their parishes, then our Congregational work will more rapidly advance. During the past year, six of our promising mission-schools have gone to other denominations because, while within reach of Congregational pastors, other preachers gave them services and won their affections.

I am aware that I have no right to expect any pastor to care for schools which I plant, other than because of the assumed principle of fellowship among all Congregational workers.

2. Make use of your Sunday-school Missionary as a helper in your own parish, either in instructional or missionary lines. At our Association meetings we talk about holding occasional Sunday-school Institutes. *When* do we hold them?

3. The Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society asks of your churches a *larger financial* support during the coming year.

(a) The Society asks that each church put the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society on its list of benevolences for 1898 and take a church collection for it just as you do for the American Board or the Congregational Home Missionary Society—why not? It has the endorsement of the National Council, and its labors commend it.

While the churches neglect to do this, as Secretary Boynton said in his last report, "it not only keeps us from receiving a moderate annual gift, but from being regarded as a distinct object of thought and prayer and planning in the minds of the people. It also prevents us from being remembered in their wills. We have seen this frequently during the last year."

(b) It asks that every Sunday-school make a generous offering on Children's Day to the Missionary Work of this Society. It would seem self-evident that our Sunday-school Society had a right to expect this of the *Sunday-schools*. Its one business is to establish and aid Sunday-schools. It would seem that the now largely accepted Children's Day in the churches should be directed in its *missionary expression* to a financial offering to the one end of aiding this Society. It would seem as if that Sunday-school or church were out of Congregational fellowship that allowed any other appeal to turn away its *Children's Day* interest from our Sunday-school Society. While it is not our right to set the standard of giving, yet we modestly say that in

behalf of our Society we will accept as a standard for the 1898 offering of our Sunday-schools *20c. per enrolled member*, which is only one-tenth the amount asked of the members of the *churches* by the grand old Society that has mothered so many churches, the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Please don't forget it—*20 cents per enrolled member of our schools*, is what you may *place on your Sunday-school bulletin board a month before next Children's Day.* If it is realized it will make Southern California the "*Banner State*" in offerings to the noblest of Societies—the Society that is trying to *save the children of America* that you may "save America to save the World."

October 14, 1897.

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REPORT ON

THE WORK AND THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

By Rev. Charles S. Vaile.

The Field and the Force.

The General Association of Southern California includes nine counties and is divided into three district Associations which comprise in all some 77 churches, manned by 60 pastors, with 5 churches to be supplied.

The Los Angeles Association is the largest of the three, including six counties and comprising 43 churches in care of 40 ministers. Three pastors have two charges each—Bro. J. M. Schaefle ministering to Pico Heights and Hyde Park; Bro. Geo. H. De Kay to Norwalk and Buena Park, and Bro. F. J. Culver to Eagle Rock and La Cañada.

The San Bernardino Association includes the county of this name, and Riverside county, comprising 18 churches with fifteen

ministers—Rialto and Bloomington being yoked, also Moreno and Alessandro.

The San Diego Association comprises 16 churches in that county, which are ministered to by nine or ten pastors.

The churches now without pastors are Bakersfield, Corona (S. Riverside) and Chula Vista, with certain smaller churches among which are Halleck, Daggett, Oceanside and Encinitas, from which the reduced apportionment of Home Missionary money has made it necessary to withdraw support, at least for the present. One of these would seem to have only a "name to live"—verily a "Pilgrim" church. It reports "no property, no debts, no expenses and only 4 resident members—changes in population being adverse to the growth of Congregationalism."

While thus a few churches seem in a moribund condition, two others have come into the sisterhood—La Cañada, back of Pasadena, and Los Alamitos, near Long Beach. La Cañada begins with 21 members and has just laid the corner-stone of a church to cost some $1,600, to be paid for as it is built. At Los Alamitos, not a church only, well-founded and having two rooms with seating capacity of 300, but also a parsonage and a barn have been hammered into being.

Death and life in churches—and some other things—call for changes in pastorates. The past year these changes have been fewer than usual.

We are glad to note that Bro. Culver has come into active work again. Plymouth, Los Angeles, calls Dr. Joseph Wild whose wit and wisdom crowd the house, while its former pastor, N. T. Edwards, is doing a noble work at Escondido.

We all mourn with the Corona church the departure of Bro. Jewell for the East.

The church at San Bernardino did not wish to spare Bro. Knodell, but they are responsive to the able ministry of Bro. J. C. Rollins, who brings with him the tonic of the Rockies.

Our ranks have won from the law Bro. C. P. Dorland, whose fresh and vigorous thought gained from the East Los Angeles Church a unanimous call.

In place of Bro. Hastings, called to lead the Lake Av. Church in Pasadena, Bro. Otto Anderson ministers at Rialto and Bloomington.

Vernondale is happy in the ministry of Rev. W. C. Hardy, on whom has fallen the mantle of the sainted Findlay.

The work at San Luis Obispo has been undertaken with genuine heroism by Rev. H. N. Smith.

We give these six new pastors cordial greeting, and pray, "God speed their work."

As we study religious conditions we find that the religious life of Israel repeats itself in the history of our churches today. As in Palestine the border tribes grew weak in faith and at length became alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and thus opened the way for heathen conquest, so the tendency to irreligion is greater and the power of the church less as the church is the further removed from the centers of Christian influence.

True, Jerusalem and the Temple—our larger central churches —must be conserved and nobly sustained: but would Christianity save itself in the world it must also strengthen its outworks. Not many weak defenses along the border, but a few strategic points well manned is the true policy for denominational life.

San Luis Obispo and Kern counties on the north are the Asher and Naphtali of our promised land. The first has three churches: San Miguel, Paso Robles, and San Luis Obispo. They are well manned with new captains at the helm, Bros. De Long, Weage and Smith. These far-away churches are not often able to bring us greetings, but we at least may bear them on our hearts.

Of the four churches in Kern county, Bro. A. K. Johnson is pastor of three—Poso, Rosedale and Hamlin. Bakersfield, which thought best, after Bro. Phillips left last April, to call no pastor till October, but rather to make some needed changes in the property, will doubtless soon show new vigor under the new administration of Rev. Edgar R. Fuller, lately of Michigan.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Minutes of *last* year report a resident membership in our churches of 5,545—a gain of 434 over the preceding year. There were also reported 996 additions—385 of which were on confession. The removals were three-fifths as many as the additions. When we find that each year there is a change of nearly one-fifth of the constituency of our churches, we can appreciate some of the difficulties peculiar to churches with a membership so fluctuating.

The reports sent in *this* year add some 700 to our membership, one-third of them upon confession of their faith. Quite a number of our churches however sent in no statistics of membership, and on the whole it would seem that this year would show at least an equal increase with past years, and fewer losses.

We are pleased to note that our strong churches are growing stronger. The seven churches showing the greatest numerical strength report a membership and an increase as follows:

Los Angeles, First, 642, increase 120; Pomona, 396, increase 35; San Diego, First, (last year's report) 373, increase 59; Riverside, 356, increase 15; Pasadena, First, (last year's report) 336, increase 36; Redlands, First, 267, increase 30; Santa Barbara, 250, increase 40. There are nine other churches, each of which has a membership of over one hundred; in some of these and in some churches still smaller a large proportionate gain was made in membership: notably Pico Heights, members 53, gain 18; Central Av., Los Angeles, 47, gain 23; Compton, 69, gain 17; Whittier, 74, gain 26; Norwalk, 44, gain 24; Santa Ana, 110, gain 25; Lake Av., Pasadena, 66, gain 42; Claremont, 145, gain 44; Redondo, 63, gain 34; Perris, 94, gain 31; Rosedale, gain 30. Here are eleven churches which have increased their membership during the year from twenty-five to one hundred and twenty-five per cent. We can well believe that the Master rejoices in pastors of such churches and that the Holy Spirit deigns to dwell in them.

Financial Standing.

There are few lugubrious strains this year. The churches seem to have lived by faith in the prosperity prophesied last year to be at hand.

In spite of Home Missionary reductions all along the line, the churches speak bravely, though a few confess the pastor's salary in arrears. Our churches are striving hard to heed the injunction, "Owe no man anything."

This has been a debt-paying year. Santa Barbara pays $800 of its debt. Plymouth church, Los Angeles, gets a grant of $2,000 to lift its mortgage. Santa Ana wipes out a $200 indebtedness. Ontario will pay off its $600 debt in quarterly installments. San Bernardino has paid off some $750. Redlands is buoyant with the burden of $2,100 lifted off its shoulders; and so the good

work goes on. A voice seems to say to all debt-burdened churches, "Go thou and do likewise."

This has been a year of improvements. Whittier uses $120 to perfect its new home. Villa Park lays new carpet. Ventura renovates the interior at a cost of $200. East Los Angeles reshingles its edifice. San Bernardino spends $100. Mentone beautifies grounds and windows. Moreno repaints church. Perris adorns within and without: and when one pastor wrote "The Ladies' Aid painted the outside of the parsonage and papered the inside," we exclaimed "Samantha and the Brethren!" Are our women turning Methodist, and *do* they paint!

This is a year of Building. Twenty-five thousand dollars or more has been transferred into Church property, the past year. Have we not faith in prophesied prosperity or else in the promises of God? Surely, heart of faith and works of hand have this year been joined. You have already heard of La Cañada and Los Alamitos. Nordhoff has enlarged its building, while Compton acquired a "Holiness Tabernacle" and fitted it to its own church home. Park church, Los Angeles, has added rooms for Sunday-school at cost of $1,100—one-third raised on the field. The West End church, Los Angeles, has just dedicated a property worth $2,500. Lake Av. church, Pasadena, which only completed its building in September, 1896, enlarged it in February, 1897. San Jacinto raised $750 on the ground toward a $1,200 parsonage. The little church of La Mesa has a cozy home costing $900.

The crowning work of the year, of which our whole Association feels justly proud, is the commodious and beautiful edifice constructed by the First Church of San Diego, and dedicated amid profound rejoicings and deep gratitude on Sunday, July 4th. We readily believe, as the pastor writes, that "the building of the church meant also a spiritual uplift." And we trust that the beloved pastor, through even greater spiritual toil and sacrifice, shall discover growing within these walls a church still more beautiful, whose corner-stone is Jesus Christ, whose ornaments are the graces of the Spirit and in the midst of which dwells God.

This has been a year of Benevolence. It is pleasing to note how greatly both method and consecration are directing our giving. Not that very many persons pledge the tithe or that many churches have the purpose and the plan to aid each of our Societies. But tithing is being seriously discussed and is some-

what practiced, while an increasing number of churches take an offering for each one of our denominational Societies.

The true apportionment may not yet have been found: but the pastor at Avalon did not err, perhaps, in saying, "Home Missions is our *Benjamin!*" The lack of full and detailed replies again forbids the comparisons and summaries I had purposed. Some of the churches seem almost generous in their giving. Santa Barbara reports $800 for the Societies and benevolence. Vernondale through its various organizations raises $183. Compton gives $106 to five Societies. Villa Park gives $45. Santa Ana raised $130. Pomona, which usually stands foremost in giving, reports $630 for Home Missions, $200 for Foreign Missions, $25 for Church Building and $10 for Ministerial Relief. Claremont, however, carries this year the banner for generous giving—"The benevolent gifts exceed the amount of home expenses by several hundred dollars and equal some $1,600!"

A unique and happy suggestion came also through Pastor McDougal, who likewise made it effective. I refer to the carload of oranges donated by the Christian Endeavor Societies of Southern California to the Armenian Fund, which netted over one thousand dollars.

Ontario, too, is large hearted, giving in all some $402, an average of nearly $4 per member.

Other financial burdens did not hinder Redlands from dividing over $1,200 among the Societies, Pomona College and other benevolences. Corona reports some $300 given to ten different objects.

Many another church found that special blessedness of giving which goes with genuine sacrifice. To all right-minded churches it is a comfort to know that "it is accepted according to that a man hath."

Special calls this year, including the Armenians, the Indian Famine, the Chinese Home in San Francisco, Alaska Missions, Pomona College, and local charities divide our gifts with the denominational Societies.

Pomona College, as the avowed and worthy child of the Association, will need as other children a larger allowance for its larger needs.

The method of raising money is interesting as indicative of the stage in our Christian culture.

It is encouraging to learn from nearly all the churches that common-sense method—regular contributions and the "Envelope

system," with voluntary public and private offerings—in fact *business methods* are coming to rule in church finances. Not that as yet the children of light are as wise as the sons of darkness. But I gladly note that such churches as Lake Av. and Vernondale are leading us to see that a full consecration includes a *Christian way* of financial Church-life—the purely voluntary offering. In contrast with this better way one pastor writes: "Our financial support comes largely from saloon keepers, gamblers and railroad men who never attend church, and we pay a member of the church 10% to make collections."

ORGANIZATIONS.

Most of our churches seem to be effectively organized into societies to conduct the various branches of work.

At least, the women and youth are banded; but we hear little of men's leagues and men's societies in our churches. It may be well to set apart a Sunday to preach from the text, "Neither male nor female." I rather surmise that the women are becoming so thoroughly trained in business ways through our church work, that presently they will carry on most of the difficult enterprises of the world! For once, at least, the women have due honor.

The effectiveness of the various societies and unions, in financial, missionary, social and spiritual work is gladly acknowledged by many a grateful pastor. One testimony will furnish a sample: "The Ladies' Aid is the right arm of the church;" "A watered garden, a spring of waters whose waters fail not." But with our women, works wait on faith: and in the clearing of debts as well as in raising the salary, woman has proved to be the heart and head as well as the right hand of the church. Two courteous suggestions are hazarded. Sisters, do not allow yourselves to do it all. Again, we were so bewildered by your many names, could you not agree upon some common terms for your various ladies' and women's societies? Would it not add dignity and stability and give them a propagating power?

Santa Barbara reports a "Thimble Society" to aid the needy. In several churches the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions have done effective work for temperance and in holding mothers' meetings.

The Christian Endeavor membership shows itself to be numerically so large a part of the church and has been so helpful a factor in church-life that it ought to receive a larger recognition in the meeting of our Associations.

Junior Societies are numerous and large and are doing for the children a work similar to that done for the youth by the older society. Many of these make their own missionary and other offerings. Park church, Los Angeles, and Lake Av. church, Pasadena, support each a native worker in the foreign field. This seems to be a growing way of awakening interest in missions.

The Sunday-school at Santa Barbara has the new feature of an athletic club for boys, to counteract the secular club-life of the town.

The First church at Redlands is turning back to Pauline ways. The *men* of the church are organized for the study of the Benevolent Societies. The results of this study are given once a month at the prayer-meeting and the effects are happily manifest in the church. Henceforth we shall have larger hopes for a re-organized Apostolic Christianity.

Spiritual Life.

What has the Spirit of truth, of love, of life, of God, wrought in and through our churches? This is the vitalest question. The reports received have shed forth the atmosphere of reverent worship. The pastors rejoice in the gracious favor shown, while looking forth to still better work.

The evangelistic work of the year has largely been done in a quiet way by the pastors themselves. The Munhall meetings held in Los Angeles, Pasadena and Redlands were less marked in spiritual power and results than was hoped for.

But in these chiefest things the churches shall testify. In the vicissitudes of the border churches, "the hopeful rather predominates." The Santa Barbara church proposes a "Tenth Legion," and will allow no pessimist to continue in the church. "We look to the *Holy Spirit* rather than to *method* for increasing spiritual life." At Ventura, increase of spiritual life is marked among the young people. Saticoy finds itself poor in silver and gold, but ever richer in faith and works—the brighter light in the

church revealing, however, deeper darkness without. Nordhoff, because of growth, had to enlarge its workshop, and is happy in its pastor.

The twelve churches in the city of Los Angeles are as a whole stronger to-day than ever before. The First church makes a net gain of 82 members. The church is very harmonious and holds the pastor in high esteem and affection. Increasing in strength and getting rid of its local burdens, it hopes in time to take its proper place as a helper of the weaker churches.

Park church has an "after-meeting" Sunday evening, and holds a Friday evening prayer and conference meeting to promote spiritual life.

Plymouth church finds Dr. Joseph Wild a magnet to draw men to the house of God, and already feels an awakening in all branches.

The East Los Angeles church, though pastorless for some months, kept a growing life and interest, and is ready to join its new pastor, C. P. Dorland, in courageous work.

The large percentage of new members in the Pico Heights church shows the faithful work of pastor and people.

The West End church has used its strength for rebuilding, but this is preparatory to the true work of the church. "We need a deeper work of the Spirit through a fuller consecration of life and effort."

The Central Avenue church finds a new interest in the prayer-meeting and more efficient work in the Sunday-school.

The higher life and consecration which came with Evangelist Reid is gratefully fostered by the church at Vernondale. Bro. Hardy finds the memory of the sainted Findlay an inspiration, while he is felt to be his fit successor.

The Third church in Los Angeles has a courageous pastor and needs such. He looks for victory. Bro. Billings has also assisted in special meetings at other churches and unites with Bethlehem church in conducting services at their joint Tabernacle—a feeder to the two churches.

Bethlehem, our one institutional church, has doubled its effective working force, and is using this force to do a work done by no other church or organization in Los Angeles. Men, women, youth and children are all banded to work in their several ways for the uplift of the community. There is a Boys' Choir and a Children's Choral Society; Boys' Club and Young Men's League; physical culture, educational classes and lecture

courses are some of the means used. Rescue work and spiritual growth are kept in the fore-front. Such a work cannot be self-supporting; but if our churches possess any spirit of brotherhood and of the Christ, they will see to it that Bethlehem fulfils her mission.

We are glad to welcome into our Association the Swedish Christian Mission church, which reports a good and healthy life on the whole, with the usual services and frequent neighborhood meetings, also a prayer meeting before the Sunday evening service.

The First church of Pasadena has had a year of spiritual blessing with quickened life in all departments and a growing desire for conversions. A pastor's Bible-class has studied the great doctrines. A teacher from John Wanamaker's school is introducing some profitable features. The North church, Pasadena, finds its life good and outlook encouraging. Lake Av. church districts its section of the city for visitation by its members. They hold that finances must not come or go in worldly ways: and while active for home philanthropies, the church is based on the idea of work for the wider Kingdom. Of course, the spiritual tone is strong and wholesome. God will prosper such churches.

The Long Beach church will grow if the town grows, and there is good prospect of that.

Compton is greatly encouraged in body, soul and spirit. The pastor leads to more united effort and higher experience.

The church life at Avalon is as unique as that delightful resort itself. The outlook was never more hopeful. People came earlier to the Island and more will winter there.

Santa Monica is prospering spiritually.

Here is a nameless church which bids us take warning. The roll needs revising; the church needs conversion; the Christian Endeavor Society is composed of older persons. It is a good neighborhood and society, but the church listens rather than works. I wonder if it has a duplicate elsewhere?

Whittier, with its new building and enlarged membership, finds its outlook as bright as the promises of God.

Villa Park alone reports an offering for the American Bible Society. It supplies the church with "Congregational Work." It seeks to fulfil duties and leaves results with God.

Redondo has enjoyed a remarkable work of revival.

Sierra Madre is making progress through quiet, continuous work and the preaching of the "best of pastors for whom the church prays."

The growth at Santa Ana includes seventeen on confession. It carries on three Sunday-schools.

Monrovia chiefly boasts of thirty boxes of oranges solicited for Armenia, and that she had courage not to sell her property.

Norwalk rejoices in 125% increase. The pastor seeks to overcome religious indifference with plain, simple gospel preaching, with invitation to Christ.

Pomona is strong enough to give her faithful pastor six months' vacation for a trip abroad. The Men's Sunday Evening Club has proved to be a great aid to the pastor, and most successfully provides the program for the Sunday evening service.

We have special interest in Claremont, our College church. It is worthy of our interest and prayers. Fourteen of its new membership came from students confessing Christ. The spiritual tone is uniformly high.

The churches of Etiwanda, Rialto and Bloomington show how dependent religious growth and church prosperity are upon the physical environment. But better times are anticipated for their debt-burdened communities. There is evidence of growing spiritual life among them. "By diligence of work and dependence on the great Deliverer, we hope to secure success the coming winter."

Services during Passion Week were helpful to the church at San Bernardino, which conducts also a mission at Bethel, besides its work among Chinese and Spanish.

The church of Highland holds meetings at an outside schoolhouse. The church feels the need and the hope of a deeper work of grace.

We have referred to the new style of Monthly Missionary Concert inaugurated by the Redlands church, the worth of which is evident in the $1,200 given to our Societies and to Pomona College. During the Lenten season, three helpful neighborhood meetings were held.

Pastor Robertson reports for Mentone the best year of his pastorate. The motto of the Sunday-school reads, "Every child in the parish in the Sunday-school." The religious side of Christian Endeavor is kept to the front. Visitation is counted a

potent force with the non-church going. Social and literary clubs do special work. We encourage the church to seek sheaves all the year 'round.

Riverside is a healthful church in a healthful community, with a healthful pastor. It has a missionary library. Many members feel a quickened life.

The young people of our San Jacinto church unite with other churches in sustaining meetings at the hospital. The church hopes to become self-supporting, unless it die in the attempt.

At Perris, as an outgrowth of the week of prayer, union services were held for five weeks, which greatly quickened and deepened the spiritual life.

In the Moreno church Sunday-school there was formed a "good habits society"—a real help to the boys and girls. Cottage meetings touched some not otherwise reached.

Corona feels deeply the loss of Pastor J. S. Jewell, whose seven years of life and labor greatly endeared him to the people.

The pastor of the First church at San Diego, finds its church Board consisting of Deacons, Sunday-school Superintendent and President of the Board of Trustees, which with the pastor has charge of all the inner working of the church, a most efficient body. The tone of spiritual life is excellent.

The Second church notes a reaction from certain harmful fads setting in.

Poway finds its young people growing spiritually through use of Bible training class and prayer-meeting. Evangelist Smead proved a real help. The son of the aged pastor supplies the pulpit most acceptably.

Escondido felt a new impulse of life in the coming of pastor N. T. Edwards last July. Twenty-four have come into the church through the use of ordinary methods and personal work, a Bible class and neighborhood meetings being aids.

Bro. J. A. Rogers has a circuit including Alpine, Flinn Valley and Dehesa. These, though lying far towards the southland, still keep the faith of Abraham and await the fulfilment of divine promises.

Bro. I. W. Atherton, writing of Spring Valley, says: "There is no growth of the place, but a prospect of increased membership as result of a work conducted by Rev. H. G. Smead, which greatly refreshed and strengthened the church. The outlook, save in a financial way, is on the whole hopeful." The clerk of the church at Jamul writes: "The spiritual condition is not

all that could be desired, but we seek divine aid. Evangelist Smead begins services with us Oct. 10th and we ask your prayers for him that he be filled with the Holy Spirit and that his labors be blessed to us abundantly."

OBSERVATIONS.

Fellow disciples, my visitation in imagination among these churches seeking the conquest of this promised land, my conference with the under-shepherds of the flock, presses on my heart the thought which this request expresses. Even the great Apostle cried, "Brethren, pray for us." Apostolic as we are, as churches, in principles and many practices, there is a spirit of mutual sympathy and fellowship which demands from us deeper culture. The strong must help to bear the burdens of the weak, and all must look to God for a more sure help. The offering must be at hand, ready when the messenger comes. The *Apostle* says: "Brethren, help those women who labored with us in the Lord."

Changed financial conditions and readjustments may show to some truly called of God to be apostles and preachers of the Gospel that it is manly and apostolic to say, "These hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that are with me."

The church at Jerusalem, dependent on the alms of Gentile churches, was lean of soul and short-lived. At least, brethren, it were Christ-like and Apostolic to enter without complaint into the hardships of our people and ask no better thing for ourselves than for them. As this God-created earth is amply supplied with all things necessary for the full life of all its people for all time, if patiently gathered and fraternally divided, so I believe the supplies of material as well as spiritual blessing are at hand for a wise propagating of the Gospel and for a Christ-like living. Hardship has oft-times brought a truer adjustment into life; and a blessed thing it will be and a spirit-sent message if depletion and reductions shall teach Christians the glory of that independence which will not build on another's foundation, but which shall use a wise and economic sense in conserving and expending divinely entrusted resources.

Nevertheless, with all this, the Apostle adds, "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Permit one further suggestion, or rather inquiry, which the full and rich reports, so crudely compressed in this, calls forth. Would it not be wise, in addition to the full data and statistics gathered for this annual report, to have also either a single brief address upon this report, setting forth lessons which such data suggest, or else a half-hour for the same purpose in open parliament, as is done at the annual meeting of our National Societies? If this were done the statistics should be fully tabulated and should also be made to serve for the Year-Book.

The essence of what the year has been to us as an Association of churches should be found in these annual reports, and from the consideration of what truth and Spirit have wrought through us we should again go forth with deeper consecration to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

May the desire expressed so often in these reports be granted in this year on which we now enter—the indwelling and outworking of God's Holy Spirit!

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. ENOCH NOYES BARTLETT died at his home in Ventura, California, August 14, 1897, aged 84 years.

He was born in Bath, New Hampshire, July 4, 1813. When the boy was fifteen years old his father died, and the next year he went to Wells River, Vermont, where he was employed as clerk in a store for fifteen months. At eighteen he was in Queechee Falls, Vermont, at which time he was converted and united with the church. Later he went to Cincinnati, where a brother was living, and entered Lane Seminary. He was a student in this institution at the time of the "Lane Seminary Rebellion," and was one of the number who took a firm stand at that time against slavery. In 1835 he went to Oberlin, where he remained seven years, being graduated there from both college and theological seminary. After graduation he preached for a number of years in Ohio, until called to the professorship of Greek in Olivet College, Michigan. This was at the time of

Olivet's early struggles, when a salary of only two hundred dollars a year could be promised to the man at the head of the department of Greek; but Mr. Bartlett, with his wife and boy to support, accepted the position and retained it for twelve years. He then went to Oberlin to give his son the advantages of Oberlin's department of music, and while there served as principal of the preparatory department for two years. He afterward preached for a number of years, but after a time was compelled to abandon the regular work of the ministry on account of ill-health. He settled in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the early seventies, where he was a moving spirit in church and educational work, being closely identified with the interests of Colorado College in its beginnings. In 1888 he removed to California, living for a short time in San Luis Obispo, then removing to Ventura.

About ten years ago he became totally blind, and for several years past has been in very feeble health, waiting for the summons home. Mrs. Bartlett died five or six years ago, and since then he has waited eagerly for the day of his own entrance into the world beyond.

Mr. Bartlett was a life-long radical in the temperance reform, and it may strengthen the faith of some who are workers among the young people of this day to know that his stand for temperance was taken when he signed the pledge at twelve years of age.

His funeral was held at the Ventura Congregational Church, of which he was a member, on Sunday afternoon, August 15, and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. N. Burr, assisted by his friend of many years, Rev. Sherlock Bristol.

CONSTITUTION OF
THE MINISTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

1. The name of this organization is "The Congregational Ministers' Relief Association of Southern California."

2. The object of this Association is to aid needy Congregational ministers, and also the families of deceased ministers not otherwise provided for. The Association shall also endeavor to secure gifts of land and money for the above object, and also gifts of land and money for the establishment and maintenance of a Ministers' Home.

3. The contribution of one dollar annually shall constitute any member of a Congregational church a member of this Association. An annual contribution from any church shall entitle such church to membership. Twenty dollars contributed at one time shall constitute a life-membership.

4. The business of the Association shall be transacted and all its property held by a President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, such Directors to be elected by and from the members of the Association upon nomination by the General Association of Southern California.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held each year on the last day of the meeting of the General Association.

The Directors shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

5. The Directors shall keep a full record of their proceedings, and shall make a detailed report at the annual meeting of the Association.

6. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, due notice of the proposed change having been given at least one month previously.

7. Such By-Laws may be adopted by the Association or by the Directors as may be deemed important to carry out the object of the Association.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION.

(Organized May 7, 1886.)

Registrar—Rev. J. M. Schaefle, Sub. Station No. 6, Los Angeles.

Churches—Avalon, Bakersfield, Buena Park, Claremont, Compton, Eagle Rock, Hyde Park, Long Beach, La Cañada; Los Alamitos, Los Angeles—First, Park, Third, Vernondale, East, Pico Heights, Plymouth, Olivet, West End, Bethlehem, Swedish and Central Avenue; Monrovia, Nordhoff, Norwalk, Pasadena—First, North and Lake Avenue; Paso Robles, Pomona, Poso, Redondo Beach, Rosedale, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Saticoy, Ventura, Villa Park, Whittier.

Ministers—E. E. P. Abbott, C. G. Baldwin, C. S. Billings, A. D. Bissell, E. R. Brainerd, Sherlock Bristol, J. F. Brown, Alden B. Case, Harlan P. Case, E. Cash, F. D. Christie, D. H. Colcord, J. H. Cooper, M. S. Crosswell, F. J. Culver, W. F. Day, George H. DeKay, C. P. Dorland, N. T. Edwards, A. P. Field, F. A. Field, F. S. Forbes, J. T. Ford, L. H. Frary, J. H. Harwood, Allen Hastings, Thomas Hendry, George W. Henning, Edward Hildreth, D. D. Hill, D. L. Jenkins, A. K. Johnson, H. W. Jones, S. H. Kellogg, S. C. Kendall, George P. Kimball, W. A. Lamb, H. W. Lathe, C. H. Longfellow, W. H. McDougal, George Morris, E. C. Norton, James Parsons, F. F. Pearse, J. W. Phillips, R. Pratt, F. M. Price, George A. Rawson, O. V. Rice, J. M. Schaefle, Frederic Shield, J. E. Smith, William W. Snell, H. T. Staats, D. C. Starkey, C. B. Sumner, C. S. Vaile, S. H. Wheeler, George Willett.

Licentiates—George J. Binder, J. B. Irvine, Jr.

Met at Vernondale, Los Angeles, May 11, 1897: Rev. Dana W. Bartlett, Moderator; Deacon James Gray, Assistant Moderator; Rev. John H. Cooper, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "The Church a Training School," Rev. S. D. Belt; "Scriptural Sanctification," Rev. H. W. Lathe; Reports from the Churches, conducted by Rev. W. A. Lamb;

Symposium on Home Missions: "Outlying Fields," Rev. H. P. Case; "Foreign Work at Home," Rev. A. B. Case; "The Effective Sunday-School," Rev. C. H. Longfellow; "Anti-Saloon Movement," Hon. T. W. Brotherton; "Pomona College Progress," Prof. E. C. Norton; "Continuous Revival," Rev. N. L. Rowell.

Next meeting to be held in Pasadena, Lake Avenue Church, May, 1898. Look for notice of date in *The Pacific*.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

(Organized in May, 1887.)

Registrar—Rev. George Robertson, Mentone.

Churches—Alessandro, Bloomington, Corona (South Riverside), Daggett, Etiwanda, Halleck, Highland, Mentone, Moreno, Needles, Ontario, Perris, Redlands—First and Lugonia Terrace, Rialto, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Jacinto.

Ministers—Otto Anderson, C. H. Davis, S. G. Emerson, E. F. Goff, B. F. Hewlett, H. W. Houlding, J. Spencer Jewell, S. G. Lamb, A. L. Park, George Robertson, J. C. Rollins, O. H. Spoor, A. W. Thompson, A. E. Tracy, E. B. Tuthill, J. H. Williams W. H. Wolcott.

Met at Highland, May 4th and 5th, 1897: Rev. S. G Emerson, Moderator; Rev. A. E. Tracy, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "The Church and Temperance," Rev. A. E. Tracy; "Religion and Thoughtful Men," Mr. Kirke K. Field; "Reaping by the Pastor," Rev. J. S. Jewell; "Reaping by the Church," Mr. S. H. Herrick; "Reaping by the Sunday-school," Mr. S. H. Barrett; "The Higher Life," Rev. George Robertson; "The Holy Spirit in Redemption," Rev. Edward F. Goff; "The Holy Spirit in Service," Rev. J. H. Williams; "The Loyal Endeavorer," Rev. S. G. Emerson; "Why a College Education?" Pres. C. G. Baldwin; "Home Missions," Superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. James T. Ford, and Rev. H. P. Case, Superintendent of Sunday-school Missions.

The next meeting will be held at San Jacinto, May 3rd and 4th, 1898.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION.

(Organized April 30, 1895.)

Registrar—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

Churches—Alpine, Chula Vista, Dehesa, De Luz, Encinitas Escondido, Flinn Valley, Jamul, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego—First and Second Spring Valley.

Ministers—Henry C. Abernethy, Isaac W. Atherton, Frank A. Bissell, Henry M. Daniels, T. R. Earl, Stephen A. Norton, John D. Parker, Fayette M. Platt, J. A. Rogers, C. M. Schwarzauer, J. J. Weage.

Met at Chula Vista, April 12th and 13th, 1897: Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Moderator; C. H. Abernethy, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: Temperance—"The Situation and What is Needed," Open Parliament; Education—"The Church and the College," George W. Marston; "The Supreme Business of the Church," (1) "As Taught in the Scriptures," Rev. J. J. Weage; (2) "As Indicated by the Outlook Today," Open Parliament; (3) "Its Practical Aspects and Demands,"—(a) as respects "Unction and Power," Rev. J. L. Pearson; (b) as respects "Stewardship," Mr. G. P. Hall; (c) "The Christian Nurture of Youth and Children," Rev. F. A. Bissell; (d) as respects "Interest in Missions," Mrs. S. A. Collier; (e) as respects "The Chief Work and Mission of Christian Endeavor," C. H. Abernethy; "The Sabbath-school Hour," Superintendent Case, presiding; (1) Report of Association's Sunday-school Committee, Mr. D. C. Maxfield; (2) "Results of Sunday-school Work," (a) "Instructional," 2 Tim. 3:16, Rev. H. P. Case; (b) "Spiritual," 2 Tim. 3:15; Mrs. H. Nelles; (c) "Benevolences," Luke 9:13, Mrs. M. D. Withington; "The Home Missionary Hour," Superintendent J. T. Ford, presiding; (1) "Evangelistic Help, Its Need and Value," Rev. I. W. Atherton; (2) "Evangelization of Remote and Sparsely Settled Districts," Rev. J. A. Rogers; (3) "The Situation and What it Calls For," Rev. J. T. Ford.

Next meeting with the First Congregational Church of San Diego, at the call of the Moderator and the Registrar.

COUNCILS

HELD DURING THE YEAR 1897.

JULY 18.—Called to meet at La Cañada with reference to the recognition of the Church lately organized in that place. Rev. J. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. H. P. Case, Scribe. Resulted in the recognition of the church, with public services as follows: Prayer of Recognition, Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins; Welcome to the Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. H. T. Staats; Charge to the Church, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott; Welcome to the Larger Work of the Churches, Rev. H. P. Case.

NOVEMBER 2.—Met at the East Los Angeles Congregational Church with reference to the ordination of Mr. Chester P. Dorland to the Gospel Ministry. Moderator, Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D.; Scribe, Rev. Wm. P. Hardy. Resulted in the ordination of the candidate with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott; Prayer of Ordination, Rev. Joseph Wild, D. D.; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. Thomas Hendry; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Willett Dorland and Rev. Jas. T. Ford; Address to the People, Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

YEAR	PLACE	MODERATOR	SCRIBE	PREACHER
1887	Los Angeles	Rev. Theodore C. Hunt	George W. Beattie	Rev. Dexter D. Hill
1888	Riverside	Rev. Edwin S. Williams	Rev. Samuel W. Delzell	Rev. John B. Silcox
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Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Avalon	'89	Joseph Stamford	Ewing Ogden Tade, P.	'61	'94	9	10	19	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Bakersfield	'92	Lewis A. Hicks	Edgar R. Fuller, P.	'86	'97	13	22	35	0	3	0	3	1	4	18	23	3	1
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	David W. Morgan, P.	'85	'97	11	26	31	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Claremont	'91	Herbert Patten	Wm H. McDougal, P.	'84	'96	72	73	145	16	11	26	37	0	21	2	23	4	3
Compton	'88	C. S. Hazeltine	Sheldon H. Wheeler, P.	'75	'95	27	42	69	7	4	13	17	1	2	2	5	4	0
Eagle Rock	'86	Mrs. Ann Seaman	Franklin J. Culver	'90	'97	9	9	18	0	6	5	11	0	0	11	11	3	1
Hamlin (P. O., Delano)	'96	A. J. Brown	A K. Johnson, P.	'65	'97	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaefle, P.	'87	'90	5	8	13	0	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
La Canyada	'97	C. B. Blain	Charles H. Longfellow, P.	'96	'98	9	12	21	2	1	20	21	0	0	0	0	3	0
Long Beach	'88	Lawrence Byrnes	Sidney C. Kendall, P	'83	'95	14	32	46		3	7	10	1	1	0	2	1	0
Los Alamitos	'97	A. O. Clement	Dexter D. Hill, P	'69	'97	13	18	31	0	4	27	31	0	0	0	0	1	0
Los Angeles, First	'67	Fred. A. Duy	Warren F. Day, P.	'66	'94	245	430	675	20	40	97	137	6	35	1	42	19	3
" Park	'84	John H. Vening	Thomas Hendry, P.	'91	'91	40	109	149	18	17	5	22	1	10	9	20	6	3
" Third	'85	W. H. Armstrong				25	56	81	18	3	3	6	0	10	0	10	1	2
" Vernondale (S. L. A.)	'85	William Wight	William P. Hardy, P	'93	'97	29	56	85	7	4	2	6	0	5	8	13	4	2
" East (Station A)	'87	Miss Sarah M. Jacobus	Chester P. Dorland, P.	'97	'97	54	98	152	22	1	13	14	0	16	26	42	1	1
" Pico Heights	'87	W. H. Klusmann	John M. Schaefle, P.	'87	'88	30	40	70	10	11	5	16	0	5	1	6	5	0
" Plymouth	'88	Wm. B. Mosher	Joseph Wild, P	'54	'97	29	53	82	0	0	8	8	0	10	0	10	0	0
" West End (Sta. E)	'88	James Travis	George Morris, P	'60	'93	14	31	45	4	2	5	7	0	2	4	6	0	1
" Olivet (Sta. D)	'89	Mrs. Fannie C. Gray	William A. Lamb, P.	'74	'97	16	29	45		2	2	4	2	7	2	11	0	0
" Swedish	'89	J. H. Erickson	[E. M. Carlson, Sw. Mission]	P '97	'96	26	44	70	5	12	1	13	1	9	5	15	0	0
" Bethlehem	'92	Samuel Solomon	Dana W. Bartlett, P.	'87	'96	39	66	105	18	32	13	45	4	1	0	5	7	8
" Central Av. (Sub. Sta. 2)	'96	Miss Minnie J. Borst	James Parsons, P	'93	'96	15	30	45	7	10	6	16	0	1	1	2	7	5
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Belle V. Bent	Charles S. Vaile, P.	'82	'96	19	27	46	9	4	1	5	2	9	0	11	1	1
Nordhoff	'88	W. E. Wilsie	Franklin F. Pearse, P	'83	'96	27	46	73	6	6	1	7	1	3	4	8	0	4
Norwalk	'96	W. Harvey Smith	Geo. H. DeKay, P. C.	'90	'96	14	32	46	8	16	9	25	0	3	0	3	7	10
Pasadena, First	'85	George A. Green	Herbert W. Lathe, P	'77	'95	114	203	317	36	4	7	11	6	21	3	30	2	1
" North	'89	Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, P.	'60	'88	32	73	105	12	7	8	15	2	4	0	6	3	1
" Lake Avenue	'96	A. I. Gammon	Allen Hastings, P.	'91	'97	25	43	68		9	27	36	0	2	0	2	0	6
Paso Robles	'94	George F. Witter	Arthur D. Weage, P.	'96	'96	12	26	38	0	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	0	2
Pomona	'87	Harold M. Jones	Lucien H. Frary, P. C.	'69	'88	147	240	387	84	24	18	42	4	15	0	19	10	0
Poso	'92		Alfred K. Johnson, P.	'64	'92	18	13	31	3	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	2
Redondo Beach	'95	F. U. Schaumburger	[Nathan L. Rowell, Free Bp.]	P. '64	'96	22	30	52	15	22	5	27	1	3	0	4	22	3
Rosedale	'92		Alfred K. Johnson, P.	'64	'92	37	52	89	0	34	5	39	1	0	0	1	13	9
San Luis Obispo	'95	Jacob K. Tuley	Howard N. Smith, P	'89	'97	10	23	33	3	3	5	8	0	7	1	8	2	11
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford	T. W. De Long, P	'77	'96	9	18	27	6	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	2	0
Santa Ana	'89	Mrs. Sallie Peabody	John Henry Cooper, P	'87	'95	32	68	100	6	10	9	19	1	8	8	17	5	2
Santa Barbara	'67	C. S. Kittredge	Frank S. Forbes, P.	'88	'95	76	157	233	26	23	15	38	8	8	0	16	16	6
Santa Monica	'90	Mrs. J. A. Austin	Salathiel Deforest Belt, P.	'71	'96	20	26	46	10	7	12	19	1	2	0	3	5	1
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, P.	'64	'90	13	25	38	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sierra Madre	'86	Mrs. Annie E. Copps				39	54	93	10	7	6	13	0	5	0	5	1	1
Ventura	'68	Charles L. Sheldon	Addison Blanchard, P.	'68	'98	46	85	131	23	2	7	9	4	5	0	9	2	3
Villa Park	'89	Henry Snyder	Frederick A. Field, P.	'80	'98	20	22	42	3	2	3	5	1	1	0	2	2	0
Whittier	'94	Edward T. Stoddard	Geo. Willett, P.	'78	'94	30	44	74	9	5	14	19	1	0	1	2	2	1
Total,	44			39		1509	2602	4111	432	359	425	784	52	238	109	399	165	95

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Avalon	'89	Mrs. J. D. McLean	30	20	24	9	$ 4	$ 5	$ 3	$ 31	$ 3	$ 7	$ 0	$ 30	$ 83	$0	$ 700
Bakersfield	'92	William H. Rue	53	31	35	46	19			16					35	0	400
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	80	40	50	18	3	0	5	10	0	3	0	0	21	0	330
Claremont	'91	Cyrus G. Baldwin, M	216	118	70	102	112		3	46	39	15	11	31	257	0	1325
Compton	'88	H. F. Kohler	150	90	75	23	30	4	45	27	8	7	0	0	121	0	871
Eagle Rock	'86	J. Q. Adams	40	36	12	28	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	181
Hamlin (P. O., Delano)	'96		35														
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	40	20	20	16	4	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	22	0	296
La Canyada	'97						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
Long Beach	'88	Rev. G. J. Webster	25	20	15		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10		725
Los Alamitos	'97	A. O. Clement	45	35	40												
Los Angeles, First	'67	Don. A. Judd	476	250		75	378	1234	42	663	69	85	15	50	2536	0	7481
" Park	'84	John H. Vening	165	98		60	60	0	25	50	0	15	0	50	200	0	1150
" Third	'85	J. B. Riddick	151	105		58			15	20				10	45		500
" Vernondale (S. L. A.)	'85	Durrell Draper	215	120	70	66	84	0	6	25	64	10	2	69	260	0	808
" East (Sta. A)	'87	Lester S. Moore	178	103	75	47	31	0	5	56	11	6	0	12	121	0	1583
" Pico Heights	'87	H. T. Dalton	182	120	125	50	5	0	8	18	0	8	0	11	50	0	500
" Plymouth	'88	W. A. Colwell	74	65	42	37	16	0	0	17	0	24	0	0	57	0	973
" West End (Sta. E.)	'88	James Travis	80	55	50	35	4	6	0	16	0	5	0	4	35	0	710
" Olivet (Sta D)	'89	Melvin W. Brown	151	91		25											
" Swedish	'89	J. H. Erickson	36	25	26	34				3				84	87		1572
" Bethlehem	'92	O. D. Conrey	250	160	150	80			3	11		6			20		1300
" Centl. Av. (Sub-Sta. 2)	'96	Charles I. Mosteller	105	70	75	40	15	0	0	3	1	4	0	80	103	0	603
Monrovia	'87	Roswell H. Wilson	30		25	0	0	0	2	13	0	0	0	0	15	0	294
Nordhoff	'88	Frank P. Barrows	103	65	50	40	10	0	2	12	0	5	0	48	77	0	975
Norwalk	'96	E. P. Truett	75	56	23	40	0	5	0	28	0	6	0	4	43	0	1675
Pasadena, First	'85	A. L. Hamilton	276	197	160	95	167	3	17	344	67	23	8	10	639	0	3726
" North	'89	J. H. Woodworth	167	110	65	50	19	147	50	5	12	11	0	56	300	0	1443
" Lake Avenue	'96	William Waterhouse	140	114		54	10	0	0	11	0	6	6	9	42	0	1550
Paso Robles	'94	A. D. Weage	103	52		25	4	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	14	0	242
Pomona	'87	John P. Storrs, M	410	218	178	140	449	1400	25	707	70	25	10	190	2876	0	2548
Poso	'92		37	28	50	0				10					10		100
Redondo Beach	'95	W. N. Best	86	71		25	0	0	10	17	0	0	1	0	28	0	540
Rosedale	'92		75	61	60	59			8	25			2		35		300
San Luis Obispo	'95	Howard N Smith	71	58		38	4	0	3	8	0	6	1	0	22	0	1140
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford	45	28	25				3	3					6		343
Santa Ana	'89	Miss Julia Stebbins, M	190	114	80	56	32	23	8	138	6	4	3	10	224	0	1220
Santa Barbara	'67	H. R. Hitchcock, M	175	100	200	70	178	189	15	252	81	15	0	80	810	0	2400
Santa Monica	'90		55	40		28	30	5	0	47	0	24	0	346	452	0	769
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. S. R. Sharp	54	38	50	25	6	8	5	4	0	3	0	5	31	0	327
Sierra Madre	'86	David Lyman	87	47	56	30	0	0	8	0	14	0	0	50	72	0	958
Ventura	'68	J. S. Griswold	80	62		45	36	0	69	36	0	9	2	0	152	0	1200
Villa Park	'89	Miss Bertha Lathrop	100	62	80	46	35	0	3	7	0	0	2	30	77	0	165
Whittier	'94	Miss L. A. Graham	80	70	35	24	16	7	10	18	0	4	0	13	68	0	750
Total,	S. S., 43		39	5216	3243	2041	1739	1761	3,036	398	2,737	445	336	63	1293	10,069	0	45,673

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Alessandro	'95	Mrs Wm. Macmahill	Wm. H. Wolcott, P	'70	'96	8	12	20	6	1	1	2	1	0	3	4	1	0
Bloomington	'92	Leonard Bahr	Otto Anderson, P	'96	'97	20	29	49	7	1	7	8	0	9	9	18	0	0
Daggett	'94	Mrs. Mary Igo				0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Etiwanda	'93	Robert Hickox	Alexander W. Thompson, P	'80	'97	9	12	21	3	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	0
Halleck	'84	Mrs. Sarah A. Morgan				2	5	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Highland (P. O., Messina)	'84	W. H. Wilmot	Samuel G. Lamb, P	'79	'96	41	81	122	10	12	6	18	0	3	14	17	5	2
Mentone	'92	Fred. King	George Robertson, P	'83	'92	22	43	65	10	2	3	5	1	3	0	4	1	0
Moreno	'91	Frank Leavitt	Wm. H. Wolcott, P	'70	'96	38	43	81	14	3	5	8	0	1	0	1	2	0
Needles	'92	Mrs. C. O. Cushman	John Fletcher Brown, P	'74	'95	6	17	23	5	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ontario	'85	E. P. Dean	Alfred E. Tracy, P	'72	'88	42	66	108	19	4	8	12	3	4	1	8	1	1
Perris	'87	Miss Lizzie Pell	Stephen G. Emerson, P	'90	'96	40	53	93	13	20	11	31	1	5	2	8	5	1
Redlands, First	'80	Mrs. Sarah E. H. Lockwood	John H. Williams, P. C	'73	'94	91	171	262	30	13	14	27	3	9	0	12	5	4
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Austin L. Park	Orange H. Spoor, P	'61	'90	37	46	83	4	7	0	7	1	2	5	8		
Rialto	'90	Samuel S. Wood	Otto Anderson, P	'96	'97	20	29	49	20	3	0	3	0	7	4	11	0	0
Riverside	'72	Walter L. Koethen	Edward F. Goff, P	'76	'96	140	220	360	57	11	22	33	1	10	14	25	2	5
San Bernardino	'67	Miss May B. Smith	John C. Rollins, P	'83	'97	47	90	137	15	1	13	14	1	10	0	11	2	3
San Jacinto	'86	Mrs. Sarah M. Smith	Benj. F. Hewlett, P	'87	'96	17	32	49	5	6	6	12	0	10	1	11	4	0
South Riverside (Corona)	'87	Miss Mary Birdsall	William N. Burr, P	'88	'97	52	83	135	26	7	3	10	2	10	6	18	4	0
Total,	18			14		632	1034	1666	250	98	103	201	14	85	63	162	32	20

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			FAMILIES	YPSCE	BENEVOLENCE									
Town or City	Org	Superintendents	M.	Av.			For-eign	Educa-tion	Church Bldg.	Home Missi'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	L'g'cy	Home Exp.
Alessandro	'95	Wilbur F. Warner	35	25			$	$	$	$ 7	$	$	$	$ 6	$ 13	$ 0	$ 100
Bloomington	'92	W. E. Clark	81	57	31	31	3	0	0	2	0	5	0	8	18	0	265
Daggett	'94	Harmon A. George	45	33			0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	0	0
Etiwanda	'93	A. R. Loud, M.	70	45	20	35	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	8	15	0	200
Halleck	'84	Mrs. Geo. Decrow	22														
Highland (P. O., Messina)	'84	Samuel H. Barrett	100			45	74	0	10	102	7	4	3	0	200	0	1323
Mentone	'92	Henry Knowles	80		52	35	13	10	5	33	0	10	0	25	96	0	564
Moreno	'91	P. N. Brant	106	59	40	35				8				22	30	0	340
Needles	'92	J. Fletcher Brown	65	50	50	20	0	0	0	20	0	2	0	7	29	0	350
Ontario	'85	Andrew Noble	85	64	75	45	130	0	6	145	85	11	5	25	407	0	1900
Perris	'87	Mrs. Emma Whitney	110	72	60	62	0	0	2	36	0	9	0	0	47	0	800
Redlands, First	'80	John P. Fisk, Jr.	224	145	150	85	232	0	60	321	62	0	12	58	745	0	5031
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Jerome O. Boger	90	47	50	28	97	0	35	80	0	10	0	0	222	0	700
Rialto	'90	Miss Louise Oliver	31	20		20	2	0	5	5	0	6	0	6	24	0	139
Riverside	'72	S. C. Evans, Jr.	226	140	150	90	162	695	25	454	0	32	14	0	1382	0	2515
San Bernardino	'67	Miss Emily Johnson, M.	180	133	100	63	10	0	5	155	0	5	0	25	200	0	2200
San Jacinto	'86	Prof. N. C. Twining	50	37	25	20	38		50	44		5			137		1000
South Riverside (Corona)	'87	B. E. Savory	95	74	85	35				67					67		1155
Total,	S. S., 18	18	1695	1001	888	649	763	705	203	1481	154	122	34	190	3,652	0	18,582

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS			MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED				BAPT.	
Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Alpine	'94	A. Percy Foss	John A. Rogers, P.	'90	'93	14	17	31	1	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ballena	'89					2	6	8										
Chula Vista	'90	Hulcy Phelps	[Luther M. Walters, R. E.] P.	'64	'98	22	39	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dehesa	'87	O. B. Avis	John A. Rogers, (Alpine) P.	'90	'96	6	8	14	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
De Luz	'89	Mrs. Scott Carr	Henry M. Daniels, P.	'61	'89	4	4	8	3									
Encinitas	'90					1	3	4										
Escondido	'86	Mrs. Fannie Baldridge	Nicholas T. Edwards, P.	'83	'97	62	96	158	12	17	15	32	0	4	0	4	8	2
Flinn Valley (P. O., Lakeside)	'92	John W. White	John A. Rogers (Alpine) P.	'90	'92	6	6	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jamul	'90	Mrs. D. C. Maxfield	Isaac W. Atherton, (Helix) P.	'59	'91	10	12	22	4	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
La Mesa	'95	Mrs. E. L. Dollman	T. R. Earl, (San Diego) P.	'79	'95	7	11	18		0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	1
Lemon Grove	'94	Dea. G. P. Hall	Frank A. Bissell, P	'82	'96	6	9	15			5	5			1	1		
National City	'81	J Loren Mudgett	Frank A. Bissell, P	'82	'95	35	53	88	24	1	3	4	0	1	5	6	0	1
Oceanside	'85	Miss Ida M. Sharp				5	12	17	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Henry C. Abernethy, P.	'45	'87	24	30	54	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
San Diego, First	'86	Ralph M. Ward	Stephen A. Norton, P. C.	'81	'94	126	261	387	40	11	26	37	5	18	0	23	4	4
" Second	'88	John P. Dexter	Theophilus R Earl, P.	'79	'95	15	31	46	15	2	3	5	0	7	0	7	0	2
Spring Valley (P. O., Helix)	'88	Thomas Hannay	Isaac W. Atherton, P.	'59	'91	16	17	33	4	6	4	10	0	5	0	5	3	0
Total,	17	15	9			381	615	976	112	42	64	106	6	42	6	54	19	10
Aggregate,	79	75	62			2502	4251	6753	794	499	592	1091	72	365	178	615	216	125

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			FAMILIES	YPSCE	BENEVOLENCE										
Town or City	Org.	Superintendents	M.	Av.			For-eign	Educa-tion	Church Bldg.	Home Missi'ns	A. M. A.	S. S	Min. Aid	Other	Total	L'g'cy	Home Exp.
Alpine	'94	Timothy M. Albee	35	25	50	30	$ 4	$ 2	$ 4	$ 24	$ 2	$ 5	$ 2	$ 0	$ 43	$ 0	$ 297
Ballena	'89																
Chula Vista	'90	M. L. Ward	81	62	45	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	640
Dehesa	'87	O. B. Avis	28	21	15	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	9	0	75
De Luz	'89																
Encinitas	'90	G. Nettleton	25	20													
Escondido	'86	Mrs. M. D. Withington	205	119	40	45	49	0	10	46	0	12	60	10	187		800
Flinn Valley(P.O.,Lakeside)	'92	Mrs. M. Perkins	20	15	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	7	0	30
Jamul	'90	Mrs. C. A. Sheldon	50	36	28	0	0	0	0	20	0	2	0	10	32	0	118
La Mesa	'95	E. D. Gripper	33	23	25	19	0	0	5	25		3		10	43		400
Lemon Grove	'94	Dea. G. P. Hall	55	40	25	20											725
National City	'81	J. Loren Mudgett	60	44	50	27	25	0	13	0	11	5	0	36	90	0	620
Oceanside	'85	O. W. Cranz	15	10						13					13		75
Poway	'87	A. P. Ruch	70	52	25		10	0	0	24	15	9	0	11	69	0	160
San Diego, First	'86	George W. Marston	338	210	175	95	286	0	116	365	160	0	0	450	1377	0	12,800
" Second	'88	J. Walter Williams	105	75	30	23	0	0	2	9	0	3	0	10	24		310
Spring Valley (P. O., Helix)	'88	Thomas Hannay	40	32	24	27	8			18		5	3		34	0	197
Total,	S. S., 15	15	1160	784	538	304	382	2	155	544	188	49	65	560	1,945	0	17,247
Aggregate,	S. S., 76	72	8071	5628	3467	2692	2906	3,743	756	4,762	787	507	162	2043	15,666	0	81,502

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

—FOR—

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR-BOOK'S LIST OF CHURCHES:

Added—La Cañada and Los Alamitos.

CHURCHES: 4 with pastors installed by council; 67 with pastors otherwise inducted; 1 with temporary pastor; 7 vacant. Total, 79. Gain, 2.

MINISTERS: 4 pastors installed by council; 54 pastors otherwise inducted; 44 others. Total, 102.

LICENTIATES: 3.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 2,502 males; 4,251 females. Total, 6,753, including 794 absent. Gain, 475. [Last year, total, 6,278, gain, 434.]

ADDITIONS: 499 by confession; 592 by letter. Total, 1,091. [Last year, total, 1,016.]

REMOVALS: 72 by death; 365 by letter; 178 by discipline. Total, 615. [Last year, total, 620.]

BAPTISMS: 216 adult; 125 infant. [Last year, 143 and 121.]

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: members, 8,071. Gain, 581. Average attendance, 5,028. [Last year, average, 5,072.]

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: number, 61. Gain, 2. 2,692 members; loss, 120. [Last year, 2,812 members.]

FAMILIES: 58 churches reporting, 3,467. [62 churches reported last year, 4,084 families.]

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 71 churches reporting [$16,170 last year], Foreign Missions, $2,906. Education, $3,743. Church Building, $756. Home Missions, $4,762. American Missionary Association, $787. Sunday-Schools, $507. Ministerial Aid, $162. Other, $2,043. Total, $15,666. Decrease, $504.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 72 churches reporting [$79,920 last year], $81,502. Increase, $1,582.

LATEST ADDRESSES

—OF—

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION, OR SERVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

N. B. If your name be not correctly given in the following list; if the first name be not given in full; if your post-office or date of ordination be wrong, or if your name be not found here but should be given, write to Rev. James T. Ford, Station A, Los Angeles, Registrar of General Association.

"W. C." denotes without charge. * Not members of this Association.

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Abbott, Ephraim E. P.	W. C.	Sierra Madre	Mar. 30, '68
Abernethy, Henry C.	Pastor	Poway	Apr. 18, '45
*Anderson, Otto	Pastor	Bloomington	Oct. 4, '96
Atherton, Isaac W.	Pastor	Helix	Sept. '59
Baldwin, Cyrus G., D.D.,	W. C.	Claremont	Jan. 25, '81
Barber, Leman N.	W. C.	San Jacinto	Sept. 29, '70
*Bartlett, Dana W.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 510 Vignes St.	July 21, '87
Belt, Salathiel D.	Pastor	Santa Monica	June 21, '71
Billings, Charles S.	Evangelist	Los Angeles, 25 Loomis St.	Oct. 6, '96
Bissell, Arthur D.	Prof. College,	Claremont	Mar. 19, '84
Bissell, Frank A.	W. C.	National City	Mar. 28, '82
Bixby, Alanson	W. C.	Allen, N. Y.	May 23, '50
*Blanchard, Addison	Pastor	Ventura	'68
Brainerd, Edward R.	W. C.	Los Angeles	Feb. 21, '84
Bristol, Sherlock	W. C.	Ventura	Oct. '43
Brown, J. Fletcher	Pastor	Needles	May 3, '74
Burr, William N.	Pastor	Corona	July 20, '88
Case, Alden B.	Missionary	Pomona	May 15, '81

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Case, Harlan P.....	Supt. Cong. S. S. & P. S.	Los Angeles. Box 863	Sept. 25, '71
Cash, Elijah.....	Pastor.....	Los Angeles... Station E	May 14, '78
Christie, Frank D.....	W. C.....	...	
Colcord, Daniel H.....	Prof. College.	Claremont.....	Sept. 8, '81
Cooper, John H.....	Pastor.....	Santa Ana....	July 22, '87
Crosswell, Micah S.....	W. C.....	Los Angeles. Station D	April 19, '69
Culver, Franklin J.....	W. C.....	Pasadena.....	April 21, '90
Daniels, Henry M.....	Pastor.....	De Luz.....	June 25, '61
Davis, Charles H.....	W. C.....	San Bernardino,	Dec. 16, '77
Day, Warren F., D. D...	Pastor.....	Los Angeles ... 949 S. Hill St.	May 2, '66
De Kay, George H.....	Pastor.....	Norwalk.....	June 2, '90
*De Long, Thomas W...	Pastor.....	San Miguel...	Nov. 14, '77
*Dorland, Chester P.....	Pastor.....	Los Angeles... 213 N. Workman St.	Nov. 2, '97
Earl, Theophilus R.....	Pastor.....	San Diego....	June 8, '79
Edwards, Nicholas T. .	Pastor.....	Escondido. ...	June 8, '83
Emerson, Stephen G ...	Pastor.....	Perris	Oct. 27, '90
Field, Alden P....	W. C.....	Monrovia.....	May 13, '91
Field, Frederick A.....	Pastor.....	Villa Park	May 19, '80
Forbes, Frank S.....	Pastor.....	Santa Barbara..	Aug. 15, '88
Ford, James T	Supt. C. H. M. S.	Los Angeles... Station A	Nov. 25, '57
Frary, Lucien H.....	Pastor.....	Pomona	Oct. 7, '69
*Fuller, Edgar R.....	Pastor.....	Bakersfield....	Feb. 6, '86
Goff, Edward F.....	Pastor.....	Riverside.....	June 12, '76
*Hardy, William P.....	Pastor.....	South Los Angeles	'93
Harwood, James H., D.D.,	W. C.....	South Los Angeles	'63
Hastings, Allen.....	Pastor	Pasadena.....	Jan. 30, '91
Hendry, Thomas	Pastor.. ...	Los Angeles.... 1337 Omaha St.	Oct. 1, '91
Henning, George W.....	W. C.....	Oakland.....	Sept. 1, '65
Hewlett, Benjamin F....	Pastor.....	San Jacinto...	Mar. 27, '87
Hildreth, Edward	W. C.....	Los Angeles... 357 S. Hope St.	Dec. 30, '62
Hill, Dexter D	Pastor.....	Los Alamitos...	June 1, '69
Houlding, Horace W...	Missionary..	Tien-tsin, China.	
Jenkins, D. Lloyd	W. C.....	Los Angeles... 936 Pasadena Ave.	July 1, '68
Johnson, Alfred K., D.D.	Pastor.....	Rosedale.....	Sept. 20, '65
Jones, Harvey	W. C.....	Pasadena	April, '55

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Jones, Henry W	W. C.	Claremont	May 24, '66
Kellogg, Sylvanus H.	W. C.	Claremont	Nov. 10, '57
Kendall, Sidney C.	Pastor	Long Beach	June 3, '83
Kimball, George P.	W. C.	Pasadena	May 25, '51
Lamb, Samuel G.	Pastor	Messina	Oct. 5, '79
Lamb, William A.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 309 Westlake Ave.	Apr. 14, '74
Lathe, Herbert W.	Pastor	Pasadena, 380 Elevado Drive	Sept. 27, '77
Longfellow, Charles H.	Pastor	La Cañada	Dec. 15, '96
McDougal, William H.	Pastor	Claremont	Sept. 11, '84
*Morgan, David W.	Pastor	Buena Park	'85
Morris, George	Pastor	Los Angeles, Station E	Oct. 18, '60
Norton, Edwin C.	Prof. College,	Claremont	May 1, '84
Norton, Stephen A., D.D.	Pastor	San Diego	Oct. 6, '81
Park, Austin L.	W. C.	Redlands	Feb. 2, '64
Parker, John D.	W. C.	San Diego	Oct. 16, '65
Parsons, James	Pastor	Los Angeles, Sub-station 2	May 18, '93
Pearse, Franklin F.	Pastor	Nordhoff	June 20, '83
Phillips, John W.	Pastor	Oakland	Oct. 11, '92
Platt, Fayette M.	W. C.	National City	Nov. 11, '63
Pratt, Richard	Pastor	Saticoy	June 27, '64
Price, Francis M.	Missionary	San Francisco, Y. M. C. A. Building	July 1, '83
Rawson, George A.	W. C.	S. Los Angeles,	Apr. 30, '60
Rice, Othello V.	W. C.	Los Angeles, 432 S. Grand Ave.	Nov. 1, '77
Robertson, George	Pastor	Mentone	July 18, '83
†Rogers, John A.	Pastor	Alpine	Nov. 19, '90
Rollins, John C.	Pastor	San Bern'dino,	June 27, '83
Schaefle, John M.	Pastor	Los Angeles, Pico Heights	May 17, '87
Schwarzauer, Charles M.,	W. C.	Linda Vista	Nov. 18, '78
Shield, Frederic	W. C.	Pasadena	June 3, '83
*Smith, Howard N.	Pastor	San Luis Obispo,	June 6, '89
Smith, John E.	W. C.	Fremontville	Jan. 3, '77
Snell, William W.	W. C.	West Saticoy	Oct. 16, '59
Spoor, Orange H.	Pastor	Redlands	'61
Staats, Henry T.	Pastor	Pasadena, 425 Raymond Ave.	Feb. 1, '60

†Deceased—February 8, 1898.

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Starkey, Daniel C.	W. C.	Long Beach,	Sept. '65
Sumner, Charles B	Prof. College,	Claremont	Jan. 2, '68
Tade, Ewing O.	Pastor	Avalon	Sept. 4, '61
Thompson, Alexander W.	Pastor	Etiwanda	Oct. 20, '80
Tracy, Alfred E.	Pastor	Ontario	Sept. 4, '72
Tuthill, Edward B	W. C.	Corona	Jan. '60
Vaile, Charles S.	W. C.	San Francisco. Y. M. C. A. Building.	Mar. 9, '82
Weage, Arthur D.	Pastor	Paso Robles	Dec. 9, '96
†Weage, J. J.	W. C.	National City	Sept. '63
Wheeler, Sheldon H.	Pastor	Compton	Dec. 16, '75
White, Austin B.	W. C.	Los Angeles	June 28, '61
*Wild, Joseph, D. D.	Pastor	Los Angeles. 423½ S. Spring St.	Aug. 16, '54
Willett, George	Pastor	Whittier	May 23, '78
Williams, John H.	Pastor	Redlands	Sept. 3, '73
Wolcott, William H.	Pastor	Moreno	May 11, '70

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LICENTIATES.

Binder, George J.	El Dorado Canyon, Nevada
Irvine, Javan B., Jr.	813 Lake St., Los Angeles
Pearson, John L.	1745 First St., San Diego

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NOTICE

This publication is sent to the Congregational Ministers of Southern California, and to the Churches—one to every five members.

Will the PASTORS, to whom the packages for the churches are sent, see that they are so distributed that, as nearly as practicable, each family may have a copy of the Minutes? Some pastors are accustomed to call the attention of their people to the value of this publication for reading and reference. It is believed that if all should do this, the interest of the members in the common work of our churches would be greatly increased.

Will not the Church Clerks file the Minutes as they come year by year, and thus preserve for reference the only permanent record of our general work?

Any Church may have additional copies by writing to the Registrar.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

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...of...

Southern California

HELD WITH THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ESCONDIDO

October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1898

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PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—For one year: Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., Rev. Frank S. Forbes, Hon. Charles E. Harwood. For two years: Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Dea. Nathan W. Blanchard, Rev. Daniel H. Colcord. For three years: Rev. William N. Burr, S. H. Herrick, A. K. Nash.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Alfred E. Tracy, Mrs. E. M. Pease, Mrs. Geo. W. Marston, Prof. Arthur D. Bissell, Rev. Samuel G. Lamb.

On Sunday Schools—Dea. S. H. Barrett, Mrs. M. D. Withington, Rev. John H. Cooper.

On Education—Rev. Edward F. Goff, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Lucien H. Frary.

On Temperance—Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards, Dr. Edmund Bedford, Rev. Chester P. Dorland.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. Geo. Robertson, Dea. Curtis D. Wilbur, Rev. John M. Schaefle.

On Publication—J. B. Irvine, Jr., Dr. F. O. Yost, Rev. J. T. Ford.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. Daniel H. Colcord, Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Rev. Geo. Robertson.

On Sabbath Observance—Rev. John H. Cooper, Rev. H. E. Merrill, A. D. Babcock.

On Federation of Benevolences — Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Rev. Stephen G. Emerson.

On Divorce Reform—Rev. Chester P. Dorland, Rev. John H. Cooper, Walter L. Koethen, Rev. Charles H. Davis, Hon. W. A. Sloane, Rev. Edgar R. Fuller, Rev. Frank S. Forbes, John Darke, Rev. Franklin F. Pearse. (One from each county.)

On Pacific Coast Conference, A. D., 1900—Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Edward F. Goff, Rev. Franklin J. Culver.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance — For three years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill. For two years: Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Prof. E. C. Norton, Prof. H. E. Storrs, Rev. C. S. Vaile. For one year: Pres. F. L. Ferguson, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Rev. F. A. Field, John P. Fisk, Jr., Rev. J. M. Schaefle.

Delegates to the International Council—Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., Rev. James T. Ford. Alternates: Rev. John H. Williams, D. D., Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D.

Delegates to the General Association of California — Rev. John H. Williams, D. D., Rev. Lucien H. Frary.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational Churches in that part of California south of the north line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches held in Boston in June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually on the second Tuesday in October, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization.

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of Business.

The Association shall be opened by the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Correction of the roll of members.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz.: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports—From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees. From the churches.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz.: On Home Missions; on Foreign Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; on Arrangements for the Next Meeting; on Publication; on Interdenominational Comity; on Lord's Day Observance.

General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Permanent Committees.

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committees to fulfill in their several departments the work of the Association throughout the year for which they are appointed, collecting and diffusing information, giving impetus and direction to the work, and reporting at the annual meeting facts gathered, work done, results realized, also needs unsupplied and plans for future work.

It shall be the duty of the Registrar to notify the Chairman of every Permanent Committee of his appointment, and to report to him the names of the members of his Committee; and it shall be the duty of each Chairman to call a meeting of his Committee before the adjournment of the Association, and to secure, if possible, the participation of all its members in the Committee's work.

The Committee on Home Missions shall consist of nine members, to be so selected that the term of office of three members shall expire each year.

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that Committee.

4. Annual Dues.

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the churches belonging to it, at the rate of five cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year-Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

5. The Lord's Supper.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each annual meeting of the Association, and at that time an offering shall be made for the Congregational Ministers' Relief Association.

6. Amendments.

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshiped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the Apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the Confessions and Platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or reaffirmed. We declare that the experience of the nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, He will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a Nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the Gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this Gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State, and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mould and redeem, by its all-transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facil-

itates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; and that the division of such communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same common faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of Apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided Church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the only living and true God; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the Church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in Him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and, through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter, are delivered from the power of sin and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and Apostles, and in the life, the miracles, the death and the resurrection of His Son, our Divine Redeemer—a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming now our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of His body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the Gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world and "preach the Gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth" fulfill the promise which is all our hope, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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1898.

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MINUTES.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California met in the Congregational Church at Escondido, Tuesday, Oct. 11th, at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting began with praise and prayer, followed by a sermon by Rev. Edward F. Goff, of Riverside. (Text, Luke 24:49.)

At the close of the sermon the Registrar read the roll of ministerial members present, also of delegates from the churches. The roll when completed was as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

E. E. P. Abbott,
Henry C. Abernethy,
Otto Anderson,
Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D.,
Dana W. Bartlett,
William N. Burr,
Alden B. Case,
Harlan P. Case,
John H. Cooper,
Franklin J. Culver,
Henry M. Daniels,
Warren F. Day, D. D.,
George H. DeKay,
Chester P. Dorland,
Nicholas T. Edwards,
Stephen G. Emerson,
James T. Ford,
Lucien H. Frary,
Edward F. Goff,
Thomas Hendry,
Henry W. Jones,
Samuel G. Lamb,
Herbert W. Lathe,
William H. McDougal,
Stephen A. Norton, D. D.,
Franklin F. Pearse,
George Robertson.
John M. Schaefle,
Ewing O. Tade,
Arthur D. Weage,
John H. Williams, D. D.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION.

Buena Park.....Rev. David W. Morgan
Mrs. D. W. Morgan
Claremont.....Mrs. H. M. Voorhees
Los Angeles First.....Mrs. Warren F. Day
" " Third.....Mrs. J. T. Ford
" " East.....Mrs. S. E. Jacobus
" " Pico Heights.....Miss N. M. McBain
" " Plymouth.....Rev. Joseph Wild, D. D.
Dea. J. W. Parker
" " Bethlehem.....Rev. W. W. Lovejoy, D. D.
Pasadena, First.....J. D. Nash
N. C. Smith
Pomona.....Rev. W. L. Jones
Santa Ana.....Miss Julia Stebbins

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

Lakeview.....Rev. H. E. Merrill
Redlands, First.....Mrs. J. H. Williams
Riverside.....S. H. Herrick
Mrs. Mary M. Smith
San Jacinto.....Mrs. H. T. Hallock
Mrs. John Mead

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION.

Alpine.....Pastor John L. Pearson
Chula Vista.....C. A. Whittemore
T. G. Ellis
Escondido.....H. M. Harwood
Mrs. E. D. Hartshorn
Lemon Grove.....Arthur C. Dodd
National City.....L. N. Dadmun
Mrs. L. N. Dadmun
Poway.....Adams Chapin
C. H. Abernethy
Ramona.....H. P. Sloane
Mrs. H. P. Sloane
San Diego, First.....A. D. Babcock
Mrs. R. M. Ward
" " Second.....Mrs. E. M. Pond
Miss Mary M. Dexter
Spring Valley.....Mrs. Louie Coop
Miss Dawn Oliver

DELEGATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

Rev. John K. McLean, D. D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Washington Choate, D. D., and Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Secretaries, Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Rev. Walter Frear, Agent, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Rev. F. L. Ferguson, President of Pomona College.

OFFICERS

Were elected as follows:

Moderator.....Rev. John H. Williams, D. D.
Assistant Moderator.....S. H. Herrick
Scribe.....Rev. Otto Anderson
Assistant Scribe.....Rev. S. G. Emerson

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12TH.

After prayer by Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., the Moderator appointed Committees for the meeting as follows:

COMMITTEES.

On Business:	Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Rev. D. W. Morgan, Dea. J. W. Parker.
On Nominations:	Rev. I. W. Atherton, Rev. Thomas Hendry, Rev. George Robertson.
On Resolutions:	Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. H. E. Merrill, J. D. Nash.

Rev. J. T. Ford made report as Registrar and Treasurer. (See Appendix A.)

Voted, To refer the report of the Registrar, with its recommendations, to the Business Committee.

Voted, To refer the report of the Treasurer to the Business Committee to be audited.

The morning devotional service was conducted by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

Rev. J. K. McLean, D. D., addressed the Association with greetings from the General Association of California.

Rev. Ewing O. Tade, Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards, and Rev. C. W. Camp reported their impressions of the National Council at Portland.

Rev. Dr. McLean presented the subject of "Ministerial Standing as Defined by the National Council."

The Association was notified by Dr. McLean that the General Association of California at its last meeting initiated a movement for a Congregational Conference in the year 1900 of the States facing the Pacific, and asked for our co-operation.

Voted, To refer this notification and request to the Business Committee.

Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., spoke on the subject, "The Pastor's Induction to his Office."

Rev. W. W. Lovejoy, D. D., read a paper entitled "Ritschlism, Theosophy, and a Cure."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

This session began with exercises of the *Southern Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific.* (See Appendix B.)

There was a report prepared by Mrs. E. M. Pease concerning the 25th anniversary convention of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific at San Francisco and Oakland, read by Mrs. R. M. Ward; an address by Miss Alice Harwood, missionary of the Southern Branch in Japan, and an address by Rev. Walter Frear, Pacific Coast Agent of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Then followed addresses upon *Education* by Rev. W. F. Day, D. D., Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, and President P. L. Ferguson, in behalf of Pomona College; and by President J. K. McLean, of Pacific Theological Seminary, concerning the higher education for the ministry.

Resolutions looking toward a closer *Federation* of our six great Societies for Christian work, corresponding to resolutions passed by the General Association of California, were presented by Rev. L. H. Frary, and were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this Association heartily approves the action of our last National Council looking toward a federation of our six Societies, to the end of securing increased unity in their work, of causing that work to be regarded more as *one work* without

division of interest or color of rivalry, and to the end, also, of providing such increased gifts for our work as shall make it possible to enlarge it at home and abroad.

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation passed at Portland, this General Association at this session choose a committee to be composed of one member from each of the local Associations within its bounds. (1) It shall be the duty of this committee to co-operate with the National Central Committee on Missionary Work, which was created at Portland, and by all practicable means to aid in carrying out the provisions of that committee. (2) Each member upon the General Association Committee representing a local Association shall urge the appointment of a sub-committee in that Association of such number as shall leave each member responsible for not more than five churches; and it shall be the duty of each member of the committees of the local Associations to see that each of the churches for which he is responsible has some definite plan laid out for it at the beginning of each year—the great purpose being "An offering from every church and a gift from every member." (3) Of this local Association committee the resident member of the General Association Committee should be chairman, and to him the other members should make timely report of plans devised and work done.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

After the opening devotional services, the *Report of the Home Missionary Superintendent* was called for; but he, in view of the presence of two Secretaries of the National Society, Rev. Dr. Choate and Mrs. Caswell, thought that the evening should be given to them. He said he would cause his report to be printed in the Minutes, if the Association so desired. It was *voted* that he have leave to print. (See Appendix C.)

Mrs. Warren F. Day, President of the *Woman's Home Missionary Union*, with a brief address introduced Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Secretary of the Woman's Department of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, who next addressed the meeting. (See Appendix D.)

The closing address of the evening was made by Rev. Washington Choate, D. D., Secretary of the C. H. M. Society. With the singing of "America" the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH.

9 A. M. The Association was led in prayer by Rev. Dana W. Bartlett.

The Committee on Nominations presented its report, which, after amendments and additions, was adopted as follows:

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—For one year: Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., Rev. Frank S. Forbes, Hon. Charles E. Harwood. For two years: Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Dea. Nathan W. Blanchard, Rev. Daniel H. Colcord. For three years: Rev. William N. Burr, S. H. Herrick, A. K. Nash.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Alfred E. Tracy, Mrs. E. M. Pease, Mrs. Geo. W. Marston, Prof. Arthur D. Bissell, Rev. Samuel G. Lamb.

On Sunday Schools—Dea. S. H. Barrett, Mrs. M. D. Withington, Rev. John H. Cooper.

On Education—Rev. Edward F. Goff, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Lucien H. Frary.

On Temperance—Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards, Dr. Edmund Bedford, Rev. Chester P. Dorland.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. Geo. Robertson, Dea. Curtis D. Wilbur, Rev. John M. Schaefle.

On Publication—J. B. Irvine, Jr., Dr. F. O. Yost, Rev. J. T. Ford.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. Daniel H. Colcord, Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Rev. Geo. Robertson.

On Sabbath Observance—Rev. John H. Cooper, Rev. H. E. Merrill, A. D. Babcock.

On Federation of Benevolences — Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Rev. Stephen G. Emerson.

On Divorce Reform—Rev. Chester P. Dorland, Rev. John H. Cooper, Walter L. Koethen, Rev. Charles H. Davis, Hon. W. A. Sloane, Rev. Edgar R. Fuller, Rev. Frank S. Forbes, John Darke, Rev. Franklin F. Pearse. (One from each county.)

On Pacific Coast Conference, A. D., 1900—Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D., Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Edward F. Goff, Rev. Franklin J. Culver.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

For Directors of the Ministers' Relief Association—Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. O. H. Spoor, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. Harvey Jones, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance — For three years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill. For two years: Rev. C. G. Baldwin, D. D., Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., Prof. E. C. Norton, Prof. H. E. Storrs, Rev. C. S. Vaile. For one year: Pres. F. L. Ferguson, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Rev. F. A. Field, John P. Fisk, Jr., Rev. J. M. Schaefle.

Delegates to the International Council—Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., Rev. James T. Ford. Alternates: Rev. John H. Williams, D. D., Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D. D.

Delegates to the General Association of California — Rev. John H. Williams, D. D., Rev. Lucien H. Frary.

Next Annual Meeting of this Association—
Place and Time—Pasadena, October 10, 1899.
Preacher—Rev. Frank S. Forbes; alternate, Rev. John C. Rollins.

To Report the State and the Work of the Churches — Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards.

The report of the Committee on *Interdenominational Comity* was made by Rev. George H. DeKay, Chairman. He called attention to the fact that some of the district Associations had similar committees, and questioned whether such committees ought to be appointed by both General and district Associations.

It was *voted*, That the Committee on Comity of the General Association be continued, and that the district Associations be advised to discontinue their committees in reference thereto.

The Sabbath Observance Committee made a brief report through its chairman, Mr. A. D. Babcock.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, and the Association adopted the following

RESOLUTIONS.

1. WHEREAS, In Southern California *divorces* from the marriage relation have become alarmingly frequent,

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, consisting of one from each county represented in this Association, whose duty it shall be to ascertain, if possible, the number of *divorces* granted yearly in each county during the last ten years, also the ratio of divorces to marriages during the same period, and especially during the last preceding calendar year; also to collate the causes for which divorces may be granted under the State law and the number of divorces granted for each specific cause; and to report at our next annual meeting the result of their inquiries, with recommendations as to our duty in view of the facts ascertained.

2. As a result of the interesting discussion on "The Induction of the Pastor to his Office,"

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches *installation* or recognition by a council as desirable in the induction of a pastor to his work, believing that such custom will contribute to the permanency of the pastorate, to the closer fellowship of the churches, and to the strengthening of our influence in Southern California.

3. *Resolved*, That we have listened with deep interest to the stirring address of President Ferguson on Christian Education. We congratulate ourselves and our beloved *Pomona College* on his coming among us. We extend to him, as he begins his new and exacting labors, the warm sympathy of the churches of the Association, and the assurance of hearty support.

We renew our expressions of loyalty to Pomona College and our purpose to aid its advancing life in all ways within our power. We especially commend the College to the families of the churches as a place where their sons and daughters may be sent for symmetrical education.

4. *Resolved*, That we are proud of our paper, *The Pacific*, under its new and able management. We look with interest from week to week for its graceful editorials and its greatly improved contributions. The addition to its subscription list at this meeting of 250 new pledges is a slight token of our determination to hold up "the flag" on this Coast.

5. *Resolved*, That this Association, while recognizing the good intention which prompted the introduction of *the Army Canteen*, hereby expresses its emphatic belief that recent experience in our army camps has demonstrated that its tendency is to debauch our soldiers, and that it should be discontinued.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to our Congressmen at Washington.

6. *Resolved*, That we express our special obligations to the *Rev. Dr. J. K. McLean*, who has come so far and given us his time and strength, thereby greatly promoting the interest and success of this meeting. We believe that he is too large a man for the north alone, and we shall claim him in coming years as an annual visitor.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions and recommendations, which were adopted:

1. In view of the many and important problems peculiar to our churches on the Pacific Coast; in view of our separation in distance from our brethren of the East; in view also of our geographical position and the coming relations therein involved to the great West, so portentously opening before us:

Resolved, That we receive with approval the overture from our brethren of the North looking toward a *Conference*, in the near future, *of the Pacific Coast churches.*

Resolved, That we will co-operate with them in the movement proposed, and to that end a committee of three is hereby ordered to be appointed at this meeting.

2. Recommended, That the following be added to our *By-Laws:* The Committee on Home Missions shall consist of nine members, to be so selected that the term of office of three members shall expire each year.

3. Recommended, That the Business Committee appointed each year by the Association be also a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

4. Recommended, That the appointment of delegates to represent the Association in gatherings of sister denominations, when it is not done directly by the Association, devolve upon the Committee on Comity, part of whose duty it shall be to inform itself regarding the time and place of such gatherings, and to send thereto suitable representatives from this body.

5. Recommended, That full liberty of judgment and action be given the Registrar in the matter of adjusting any dues which may be in arrears from the churches for expenses of the Association.

The appointment of delegates to the proposed Pacific Coast Conference was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Then followed a half hour of devotional service led by Rev. S G. Emerson.

The work of the California Spanish Missionary Society was represented by its General Missionary, Rev. Alden B. Case.

Rev. Harlan P. Case, Superintendent of *Sunday School Work*, read his annual report. (See Appendix E.)

The work of the Congregational Church Building Society was presented and illustrated by Rev. H. H. Wikoff, Secretary for the Pacific Coast.

Rev. C. P. Dorland addressed the Association on "Christian Citizenship."

Rev. George H. DeKay spoke on "Practical Methods of Temperance Instruction in the Churches."

Mr. E. E. Allen, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Southern California, by invitation spoke of the work of that society.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Assistant Moderator, Mr. S. H. Herrick, called the meeting to order, and Rev. Samuel G. Lamb led in prayer.

The Association then gave way for the annual meeting of the Ministers' Relief Association of Southern California.

The Association resumed its session.

Rev. Thomas Hendry made *Report of the State and the Work of the Churches* for the past year. (See Appendix F.)

The claims of *The Pacific* were presented by Rev. W. H. McDougal, Editor.

Then followed a paper, "*In Memoriam*," by Rev. I. W. Atherton, in which he called to mind the life and services of our brethren in the ministry who have been called to "come up higher" during the past year—Rev. J. A. Rogers, Rev. J. J. Weage, and Rev. M. F. Platt. (See Appendix G.)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, Rev. H. M. Daniels and Rev. A. B. Case officiating, assisted by Deacons J. W. Parker, A. D. Babcock, T. G. Ellis, and H. P. Sloane.

The Moderator afterwards announced that more business waited for the Association.

The Nominating Committee made a supplementary report, which is incorporated in their report already recorded.

Thanks were extended to Rev. F. J. Culver for his efficient efforts in reference to railway transportation, and by vote he was made the *Railway Secretary of the Association.*

The following, prepared by the Committee on Resolutions, was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

We understand that Escondido means "the hidden;" but it will ever abide gratefully in our memories for its *open* hospitality. We congratulate its people upon the completion of their beautiful and renovated church; upon the spirit of unity that prevails among them; and we return our hearty thanks for their numberless offices of kindness. We thank the pastor and the choir and orchestra who have helped to make this meeting one of the most pleasant in the history of the Association.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The half-hour preparatory service of song and prayer was led by Rev. W. N. Burr.

The topic, "The Spiritual Life," was treated in the three phases of "Its Source," "Its Maintenance," and "Its Fruition," respectively by Rev. George Robertson, Rev. Lucien H. Frary and Rev. Herbert W. Lathe.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Minutes, and to leave the correction thereof, if any be needed, to the Registrar.

With the singing of the doxology, the twelfth annual meeting of the General Association of Southern California was adjourned.

OTTO ANDERSON, SCRIBE.

JAMES T. FORD, REGISTRAR.

APPENDIX.

A.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California

In account with James T. Ford, Treasurer.

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1897		
Oct. 12.	By Balance in Treasury.....	$190.82
Oct. 12.	By dues from Oceanside, $1.00; San Diego, 2d, $2.40; Avalon, $1.00; Los Angeles, East, $9.00; San Luis Obispo, $4.30; Pasadena, North, $4.80; DeLuz, .40; Bloomington, $2.95; Corona, $7.15; Eagle Rock, .90; Escondido, $6.50; Etiwanda, .95; Los Angeles, Bethlehem, $2.25; Pico Heights, $3.00; Los Angeles, Swedish, $3.65; Vernon, $4.60; Mentone, $3.20; Moreno, $3.70; Norwalk, $1.20; Lake Av., Pasadena, $1.70; Pasadena, First, $16.80; Perris, $3.50; Pomona, $18.20; Poway, $2.80; Redlands, 1st, $12.35; San Jacinto, $2.40; Santa Ana, $9.20; Santa Barbara, $10.55; Santa Monica, $1.50; Sierra Madre, $4.25; Ventura, $6.55; Villa Park, $1.95; Riverside, $17.60; Spring Valley, $1.40; Jamul, .80; Highland, $6.05; Los Angeles, 1st, $29.00; Claremont, $6.55; Redlands, Lugonia Terrace, $4.20; Chula Vista, $3.05.....	223.35
1898		
January 8.	By dues from Paso Robles, $1.75; Needles, .80; Alpine, $1.30 - - - - -	3.85
May 1.	Flinn Valley, .65; Alessandro, $2.05; Redondo, $1.45; Saticoy, $3.15; Compton, $2.85; Long Beach, $3.45; Buena Park, $1.70 - - - - - - - -	15.30
June 1	San Bernardino, $6.70; Central Av., $2.60; Dehesa, .75; Los Angeles, 3d, $4.25 -	14.30
	Total,.....	$447.62

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1897			
Oct. 12.	To expense for receipt book and preparing receipts	$1.50	
Nov. 16.	To expense of collecting Church Reports for annual meeting	3.00	
1898.			
Jan. 21.	To expense for envelopes and cards..	2.45	
Feb. 28.	To paid T. T. Jones & Son for 1600 copies of Minutes	142.20	
" "	To paid to T. T. Jones & Son for wrapping and addressing Minutes	2.50	
" "	To expressage of Min. to Churches	6.30	
" "	To postage of Minutes to Churches and individuals	12.55	
April 22.	To payment of dues to National Council	125.56	
October 11	To expense for programs, &c., for Annual Meeting, 1898	6.00	$302.06
	Balance transferred to new account		145.56
			$447.62

The Business Committee has examined the above account and finds it to be correct.

S. A. NORTON,
D. W. MORGAN, } Committee.
J. W. PARKER,

B

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE PACIFIC, 1897-98.

The Southern Branch has been continuing its work for Foreign Missions as usual the past year.

We have had reason for encouragement in the earnestness and carefulness with which our constituency have carried on the work in their various societies. We have the assurance that much thought, time and prayer are given on the part of an increasing number, and that meetings are more carefully thought of and planned for than formerly.

More money has been received into the treasury thus far in our Branch year, (from April to April) than at the corresponding time the year before.

The total amount reported for the year at our last Annual Meeting was $1,439.89.

Our aim for this year is $1,600.00, which is apportioned among our auxiliaries.

The Senior Societies, 43 in number, are responsible for $1,025. The young people, who last year chose Miss Harwood as their missionary and are now enjoying meeting her face to face during her home furlough, have the same sum this year to raise for her—$250,00.

The Junior Societies and Sunday Schools give for the Micronesian Navy and for the Armenian children, $325.00.

The Cradle Roll, our new department, under the efficient lead of Mrs. E. M. Pease, of Claremont, has made a vigorous beginning, seven societies already being in existence. By the simple pleasant means provided by this department, even the very little ones have a place in the Lord's house and a touch in His work. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not," said the Master. Mrs. Pease would be glad to give any information desired concerning this department.

The list of Life Members in the Branch numbers forty-one.

Nine Senior Societies have been added to our working force the past year, and twelve Young People's Societies, while the Sunday Schools and Junior Societies show more activity and interest in mission work than ever before.

Our Constitution says: "Any number of women contributing not less than two dollars annually, and any organization of children or youth contributing not less than one dollar annually through the Treasury of the Branch, may become auxiliary to it."

Our aim is to enlist the interest and help of all the women and children in our Southern California Congregational churches in this divine work for the world.

The hour from five to six o'clock on Sunday evenings we set apart as our "Quiet Hour," especially to remember this work for the world, and our duty concerning it. We would be glad to have pastors and all church members unite with us at this time, that many petitions may arise to the Throne. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest."

Since last report for the Minutes, the Branch has been called to mourn the loss of one who, since its organization, had held the position of Foreign Secretary, Mrs. H. M. McPherron. She was suddenly called from usefulness here to the Brighter World beyond. The summons found her *ready*. It was three weeks before our Annual Meeting, but her report for that meeting was found all ready. Its opening sentence shows her deep spiritual life: "I wonder sometimes if we do not overlook the great object of Missions, the thought that burned in the heart of Mills and his companions and resulted in the formation of the American Board, that for eighty-seven years has been the agent of our churches to carry the Gospel to all nations, the object that brought the Great Missionary from heaven to earth—the saving of souls. We are so interested in the education and civilization of the world that perhaps we do not keep uppermost the great longing for the souls of our brothers and sisters in the dark lands. We think of all the blessings that come through the Gospel, but let us never forget that they come to bless only as hearts are born from above and are made unselfish and Christlike."

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT,
Redlands.

MRS. H. H. DANIELS, SECRETARY,
Redlands.

MRS. S. E. HUGHES, TREASURER,
Pasadena.

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REPORT OF HOME MISSION SUPERINTENDENT.

REV. JAMES T. FORD.

Southern California received for Home Mission work from our National Society for the year ending April 1, '98, $2,480 less than for the last preceding year. This compelled a withdrawal of aid from some fields and a severe reduction of the aid heretofore granted to others. We hoped that with the advent of the current year the debt of the Society would be lifted, so that our apportionment of aid might be increased, if not restored to the former standard. But the debt was lifted only in part, and our aid continues at the same reduced amount—$10,449. The forced contraction of about 20 per cent. made in the grants to our missionaries last year was so excessive as to forbid in most cases a further reduction for the present year. This meant no release of money for new work and no considerable restoration of aid to work from which it had been withdrawn. Drought and untimely frosts have greatly distressed some parts of our district, and seriously lessened the support received by some of our missionaries from their own fields. We may not be able to answer the question, Which have been greater, the sacrifices of the pastors or the sacrifices of the people; but if churches and pastors become true, pure, faithful and consecrated through sacrifice, and enter into their reward through great tribulation, this year should be with some of them one of manifest progress in the likeness of Him who was made perfect through suffering.

One of the indications of such progress is converting power. It is too early to number the additions to our churches for this year on professed conversion. But last year was a year of similar financial straits, and a year also among our Home Mission churches of unusual ingathering of members on confession of faith. According to our latest statistics the number was 251 for churches not self-supporting—there being included with Home Mission churches ten others supported mainly by their ministers. So large a number had never before been received on confession in a single year. As compared with our self-supporting churches the rate of increase was much greater—one to every 7½ members in churches not self-supporting, one to 17½ members in churches self-supporting.

Church and parsonage building and improvement have proceeded with considerable activity, notwithstanding the stress of the times. Perhaps the building of parsonages has been promoted by the necessities of our missionaries. No year has been more prolific in this line of church work. We have new parsonages for home missionaries at Bakersfield, Buena Park, San Jacinto and Villa Park. At Bakersfield, a new lot, better located, has been purchased, and the old church and new parsonage placed side by side upon it. At Avalon money has been raised for the enlargement of the church and the work is proceeding. At Lemon Grove a new, attractive church has been built —small, but sufficient for the present needs of the settlement. At Paso Robles a church lot has been purchased. At Poway provision is made for the purchase of the Methodist church, and the transaction is nearly completed. We shall scarcely exceed the sphere of a Home Mission report if we add that the Escondido church, which this year has become self-supporting, has at the same time enlarged and splendidly improved its house of worship. We wonder if coming to self-support might not stimulate other churches to make large improvements.

By the side of these notes of progress we are compelled to report that hard times and aid withdrawn have compelled the sale of the Oceanside church to the Methodists, and that a similar sale of the church at Needles is agreed upon.

Three churches have been added to our list during the year--Lakeview, in Riverside county, Ramona, in San Diego county, and Sherman, in Los Angeles county. No one of them has separately received Home Mission aid. Lakeview is yoked with San Jacinto and helps in the support of its pastor, thus lessening his grant from the Society. Ramona was encouraged to organize in the hope of future aid, though none could be granted this year. Sherman has applied for aid, and its application must be considered in making our estimates for the coming year.

Our Home Mission collections were last year $3,689.82. They exceeded those of the previous year by $139.32; but were less than those of the year ending April 1, 1896, by nearly $1,000; and less than the average of the six years from 1891 to 1896 by nearly $600 per year; yet from 1891 to 1898 our membership increased from 3,923 to 6,753—nearly doubled.

The rate per member last year was about 55 cents. The average yearly rate per member for the first six years of our separate

existence as a Home Mission district was 142 cents per member. If we ask why this poverty in our collections for last year, these answers may be given:

1. That during the months of February and March, when most of our collections were made, there was before our people the dark prospect of a season of drought. Our winter rainfall had not been half the usual amount; our pasturage was already wellnigh dried up; we were certain of almost an entire failure of the grain and hay crops; hundreds of horses were being killed to avoid the expense of keeping them, and the supply of irrigating water for our later crops was already, in the month of March, less than it is accustomed to be in midsummer.

2. From January to May, a period covering these same two months, Pomona College was making strenuous efforts to pay its debt and collect its endowment pledges, thereby to secure the science building promised by Dr. Pearsons on the fulfillment of these conditions.

3. Our churches had become so much interested in work among our Spanish-speaking population, which the Congregational Home Missionary Society was unable to aid this year, as to make special contributions to maintain a missionary among them.

4. Special contributions were made in several of our churches for the support of a deaconess and the maintenance of other institutional work in our Bethlehem church, this being considered an important Home Mission work, though these collections did not pass through the treasury of our National Society.

5. The Children's Home Society has made its special appeals to our churches through one of our own ministers, and has received some part of the money at command for benevolent uses.

The three causes last named have come only of late before our churches. They are good causes, and doubtless have a claim upon our attention; but their collections do not pass through the channels of our six National Societies for Christian work. If the claims of these Societies are valid, other appeals should have a secondary place. Gifts in answer to such appeals should not detract from the customary receipts of the authorized organs of our church work. These customary receipts have come to have the nature of pledges for the future. On them are based of necessity the plans of the Societies for future work. To reduce them is to

forfeit the pledges and entail burdensome if not ruinous debt upon the Societies.

To the causes which have contributed to the paucity of our last yearly Home Missionary collection should be added another, which applies also to the gradually decreasing rate per member for several years past of such collections. It is the increasing emphasis that has been placed upon the motto, "A gift from every church to every one of our six Societies." The motto cannot be controverted. It is worthy of all acceptation. But unfortunately the application of this motto among us has served so to divide our gifts as to lessen the customary amount per member for our Home Mission work.

Is there not room here for the application of the argument already used in regard to gifts to special causes outside the six Societies? We have enlarged our Home Missionary work in Southern California on the expectation that the contributions of our people for Home Missions would continue at about the same rate per member that was maintained during the first six years of our separate work. We expected that aid for us from the East would be gradually diminished. But we expected also that with increasing membership the aggregate of our gifts made at the customary rate per member would supply, if not more than supply, the deficiency. Our aid from the East has decreased according to expectation: but contrary to expectation our home collections have not increased, but rather decreased, and our advancing work has issued in a halt and then a retreat. Should the laudable movement to secure a collection from every church to each one of the six Societies contribute to such a result? Should it interfere with the reasonable expectations, the pledges practically received for that home work that lies nearest to us and for which we are especially responsible? Should the advance all along the line mean the weakening of the point of special advantage?

We can expect no increase of Home Missionary aid for our next year unless it comes from our own increased contributions. If the work of the Society is enlarged, it will be in the direction of new work in cities, among our immigrant population whether in city or country, and for the islands which the late war has opened for our work.

The work most needed in Southern California is not so much in our cities as among the inhabitants scattered on our grain and stock ranches, in our isolated agricultural valleys, and at

the mining camps and railway stations of the desert. It is not so much among immigrants of other tongues, as among the families of the earlier settlers of this part of our land. If this work is to be done, *we ourselves* must furnish the means and direct the work.

To us the Home Mission problem appears at a point of view differing from that of our executive officers at New York. We recognize the tremendous importance of work for the regeneration of cities. We must do our part of this work. But our part appears to be the evangelization of our vast, sparsely-settled territory from which will inevitably flow to our large cities currents of population either to purify or corrupt. The cities and large towns of Southern California are comparatively well evangelized; and they have become so through the inflow of a Christian population from abroad. We have before us a vivid object-lesson setting forth the purifying influence of an incoming migration already regenerated. This lesson appeals to us powerfully that we labor without stint at the many fountain-heads of the mighty movement toward our cities, lest what has been gained through a purified immigration be lost through the incoming from our sparsely settled territory of a debased, because neglected, population. We believe that by this method we may help to the purification of our cities less expensively and no less effectively than by missionary work among their crowded and festering masses after they have become corrupt. It calls for no outlay of thousands or tens of thousands of dollars to secure a site for missionary work. Almost everywhere in these outlying districts the schoolhouses are at our command. An itinerant missionary can minister to a thousand souls at less expense than to the same number in the great city, crowded together though they be. He can come into closer contact with them. He can bring more of them together at places of meeting; he has not to contend with so many diverting and demoralizing influences.

I have said that the work most needed in Southern California is not so much among foreign-born immigrants as among the families of our earlier settlers—old Californians of whatever race or tongue. Our most difficult work is to retrieve the neglects of the past. The saying, "Our country is bounded West by the day of judgment," has acquired a new significance from the events of the past year. The great Pacific highway of the nations is opened to us as never before. This Western Coast is brought into new and closer relations with the teeming millions of Asia. Their knowl-

edge and judgment concerning our country and our Christianity will be based largely upon their acquaintance with California. Is California prepared for this responsibility without a new birth? This new birth—the moral and spiritual transformation of the State—must henceforth depend, under God, almost entirely upon the gifts and efforts of those within its own borders. The States beyond the Rockies, which hitherto have aided us, are confronting the problems of the city, the immigrant, and the new West Indies. They have work enough at home. Their aid to us will doubtless grow less year by year. We ourselves must, by resolute movement to self-support and by new Home Missionary enthusiasm, rise to the demands of the hour.

Has not the time come for the formation of a Southern California Home Missionary Society? Do not our peculiar conditions and responsibilities call for such a step? Will not such a central organization, reaching out with its system to all our churches, awaken new interest in our great work—the redemption of California that the world may be redeemed? The women of our churches have set an example of systematic effort; and its result is seen in increasing yearly contributions. Might not a Southern California Home Missionary Society, with no distinction of sex, in accord substantially with the suggestion of Mrs. Caswell, adopt their system and join with them in their work with results even more beneficent than those which they have attained?

But whatever the method, the prayer of the ancient prophet fits the need of to-day: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." With this inbreathed life our churches will stand up, an exceeding great army, marshalled rank upon rank, legion upon legion, prepared in both spirit and method for the conquest of this State and of the world.

D.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

Our Union has been in existence ten years and celebrated its tenth anniversary at Riverside, its birth-place. Its organization was due to Mrs. J. T. Ford, and its motto, suggested by her, is

"Freely ye have received, freely give." In the ten years we have contributed nearly $15,000; and today have senior auxiliaries in two-thirds of our churches, with an increasing interest among our young people and children. Our aim for this year is to collect $2,500. To reach this sum, we appeal to every church to respond to the requests from the different superintendents.

Mrs. Caswell's few days in Southern California were fully occupied, and all who have heard her will have a new interest in our Home Missionary work.

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's Report given at our last Annual Meeting, April 12, 1898:

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand, April 1, 1897	$ 9 10
Los Angeles and Orange Counties	1297 02
Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties	78 65
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties	795 88
San Diego County	208 38
Donations	128 50
Collections	16 60
Total Receipts	$2,534.13

DISBURSEMENTS:

Congregational Home Missionary Society	$1424 70
Congregational Education Society (Pomona College)	197 00
Congregational Church Building Society	143 50
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society	38 50
American Missionary Association	241 56
Alamitos Church Building	25 00
Compton Church Building	10 00
Park Church S. S. Room	25 00
Work of Bethlehem Church	145 07
Work among the Spanish	123 35
Miss Florence Yarrow	32 00
Special Fund of *The Pacific*	5 00
To a Home Missionary's Wife	5 00
To Seaman's Rest Fund	23 75
Expenses—Ptg. Annual Report, Postage, Stationery, etc.	66 79
	$2506.22
Cash on hand, April 5, 1898	27.91
Total	$2,534.13

MARY M. SMITH, TREASURER.

I have this day examined the Treasurer's Book and Report for the year ending April 5th, 1898, with the vouchers, and find all to be correct. EDWARD F. GOFF, AUDITOR.

April 25th, 1898.

Missionary boxes and other gifts reported amounted to $690.17. MRS. WARREN F. DAY, PRESIDENT.
MRS. GEORGE ROBERTSON, SEC'Y.

E.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

BY REV. H. P. CASE, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

I. *National Work* of the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society.

The following is a brief summary of some fruits of this Society's work during the past fifteen years:

Five hundred and ninety-three existing Congregational churches grew out of Sunday Schools of our planting—more than 10 per cent. of churches now on our Year-Book. 2,138 of these churches, or 39 per cent. of all, have been at some time aided by grants of literature to their schools. The purely missionary character of much of our work is shown in the fact that of schools organized by us and still living, 1,060 are where there are no other religious services — the only organized light of life in their communities.

Despite the fact that during the first half of the Society's fiscal year, up to September 1st, there has been a falling off of $2,301 in available income, yet the working force has been increased in Oregon, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Washington, and the Southern Atlantic states, besides sending jointly with the Congregational Home Missionary Society to Alaska for eight years that most efficient pioneer, Rev. L. L. Wirt, our successful Superintendent in Northern California. Time forbids any detailed account of the work of our 40 laborers among the neglected or indifferent, the foreigner as well as the American, scattered in mining camps,

over broad prairies, in dense forests, on seacoast islands, or lost in the city slums. The experience of one is the experience of all: children, youths, and adults were found growing, living, dying without a knowledge of the Word of God which is needed to make them "wise unto salvation." If you really want to know of their work, take and read the *Pilgrim Missionary* at 20 cents per year or *Congregational Work* at 10 cents per year.

The Publishing Department of our Society deserves more than this passing word. Its lists of books, fresh, attractive and forceful, for both Sunday School and pastor's libraries are not surpassed by any publishing house. And its current Sunday-school literature, lesson helps and papers are the best to be had. There is a cheaper literature, both in price and *quality*, and several Congregational schools still seem to prefer it. We always stand ready to adjust the *price*, not as a matter of business competition, but in co-operative denominational fellowship. The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society does not invest its dividends in California ranches, but in Sunday school missionary work. The more patronage you give to its literature the more you help it to spread our mission-work among the 9,000,000 children of our country without Sunday-schools.

II. *Work in the District of Southern California.*

A. The work of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society has been done in this district during the year closing September 30, '98, by the writer, who is the sole representative of the Society in Southern California. The following statistics summarize that year's work:

New Schools organized (three being outside of California)	17
Members of these Schools	496
Schools reorganized	9
Schools visited	70
S. S. Institutes conducted	5
Conventions and Associations attended	7
Grants of literature	83
Value of said literature	$197.10
Sermons and addresses	217
Miles traveled in the Work	12,267
Total money received in this District	$525.65

Of this money, $384.52 came from 66 Sunday Schools as *Children's Day* offering; two churches made a Children's Day offering of $28.20.

The Southern California Woman's Home Missionary Union is our donor to the amount of $17.50.

Four Christian Endeavor Societies make special offerings of $6.00.

Two primary classes sent in $4.25.

The total receipts, $525.65, are $10.03 less than for the year preceding.

Perhaps this showing is cause for self-gratulation, remembering that this has been a year of unprecedented drouth in Southern California, and also that the war has made its demands. Yet a few "studies" in these figures take away such gratulations.

One year ago our report asked for an offering to the missionary work of our Society which should amount to twenty cents per member of our schools, and this was humbly submitted as being only one-tenth the request which the Home Missionary Society makes of the churches. That report was printed in the Minutes of the Association and spread among the churches. The results are as follows: 72 church schools in Southern California had, Jan. 1, '98, an enrollment of 8,071 members; our total receipts, if distributed among these 8,071 persons would average 6⅓ cents each, an amount less than many children consume in candy each week. The *Children's Day offering* of 66 schools and two churches would average 5 cents to the total Sunday-school membership.

The following schools are the three highest givers to our work:

Daggett, members enrolled, 45, gives $10.75. Average per member, 24 cents.

National City, members enrolled, 60, gives $12.75. Average per member, 21 cents.

Hyde Park, members enrolled, 40, gives $8.00. Average per member, 20 cents.

The following schools are the three lowest givers to our work:

Los Angeles, First, members enrolled, 476, gives $5.47. Average per member, 1 1-5th cents.

Rialto, members enrolled, 31, gives 45 cents. Average per member, 1½ cents.

East Los Angeles, members enrolled, 178, gives $4.81. Average per member, 2⅔ cents.

Excuses for not giving or for the low percentage in many schools may satisfy the donors, but do not furnish literature or needed Sunday School missionary labors in the 150 and more school districts in Southern California still without a Sunday School.

While on this matter of the financial receipts we will add a few more words. It is conceded by all that to ask of our Southern California schools an annual offering of twenty cents a member for our denominational Sunday School missionary work is neither an excessive request nor one out of proportion to the relative needs and importance of the other five National Congregational Beneficent Societies. It is also conceded that it could be made without crippling the home work of the church and school. Why, then, does the annual offering drop to little more than one-fourth of the standard? One reason is that only 62 out of 77 churches made any offering at all; and the offering of these was made almost wholly through their Sunday Schools. Ought not every church to put this Society on its schedule of benevolences and sacredly set apart one month to its assistance?

Another reason is that while the churches remit to their Sunday School the duty of making this offering, these schools are not aided or rightly instructed in making their offering. It would seem that the principal benevolent offerings of our Sunday Schools should be to the Society which helped nearly one-third of them into existence and has given large grants of literature to yet another third. But, on the contrary, every sort of cause is allowed to prey upon the Sunday School: so that when *Children's Day* comes, which should be the time of the Sunday School's supreme benevolent effort, the members have only a nickel to give! We venture to say that loyal, intelligent Congregational Sunday Schools will yet come to do all their Sunday School missionary work through their own accredited and responsible Society, and will sacredly hold all their intended benevolent funds for the three months preceding Children's Day in order to make at that time an appropriate offering to their own Sunday School Society. The Presbyterian, Baptist, and Christian denominations have Sunday School missionaries at work in Southern California; but they do not appeal to Congregational schools to help sustain them. There is no more right or reason in asking Congregational

schools to help sustain an independent or "Union" Sunday School missionary. If Congregationalists have more money to give to Sunday School work than they are now giving to our own Society, let it be given to this same Society which has calls for a half dozen more missionaries, in fields entirely destitute of such workers. You do not expect the Home Missionary Society to pay two-thirds of the support of Southern California home missionaries, and then reward this "Old Mother" by contributing toward the support of somebody's "Union" or non-sectarian church. No, not if you are loyal Congregationalists. Please treat *your own Sunday School Society* as loyally.

On the other hand, we want to add to this talk on finances the hearty acknowledgment of many favors received from pastors and workers in the field. Brethren, the writer has "eaten salt" with you in all your parishes and homes, and is therefore your pledged friend and helper, any seemingly severe criticisms in this report to the contrary notwithstanding. Our chief regret is that we have not been more helpful to your local Sunday School work. And we make the standing offer that if a Sunday School Institute, or local Workers' Conference for a night or for a few days would be an assistance, let us know, and we will plan for it.

B. *As to the Future.*

1. The *need* of the work of our Society in Southern California still abides.

Its *missionary* aid is needed *first* in caring for about 75 schools it has organized and which have not yet been adopted by any church. These schools need an occasional pastoral visit from the Sunday School Missionary to encourage and instruct, and most of them need some aid in providing themselves good literature and Bible-study. There is more than enough in this feature of work to occupy all the time of one missionary.

Secondly, its missionary work is needed to help provide Sunday School privileges to the 8,000 children scattered in the 150 yet un-Sunday-schooled places outside the cities. The sorest need of these places is to discover, create, or import some one able or willing to lead a Sunday School.

Again, this Society's help is needed in the matter of improving our Sunday School work. Its literature has already been briefly spoken of. The value to a Sunday School of a well selected library of stimulating lesson helps and of safe, instructive and interesting

current literature, has not yet been fully estimated. It is a *missionary* matter to provide such literary aid to our schools. This Society stands ready to help your schools in this way.

During the past twelve months we have visited 75 of our church parishes, in most cases meeting the Sunday School in session, in others being able only to meet and confer with the pastor, the superintendent or the workers. Our observation gives conviction that on the whole our Sunday School work has progressed. New methods, better teachers, preparation, and striving for larger results have been noticed. On the other hand, a few schools have been much weakened by removals; some show lamentable lack of method, and a few show decadence of zeal and life.

This is not the place to make many specific suggestions; but we venture the following, which might make good resolutions for your body to act upon:

1st. The Association ought to have a *working Sunday School Committee* of five, including the Superintendent of the C. S. S. and P. Society. This committee, distributed among the local Associations, as chairmen for Sunday School work, also within the bounds of their respective Associations, should plan and recommend to our churches methods for improving our Sunday Schools, should secure a large place on local Association programs for the Sunday School work; should co-operate with the Superintendent of the C. S. S. and P. Society in his missionary work, and should make a *thorough report* to your body each year.

2nd. Whereas the Sunday School literature of our Publishing Society is unexcelled by any, and whereas a large part of the profits of the publishing department is promised to the help of Sunday School missionary work, therefore we urge our schools to use the literature of our own Society.

3d. Whereas the need for Sunday School missionary work continues in both Southern California and throughout our whole land, and whereas the labors of the Congregational Sunday School Society for nearly twelve years within the bounds of this Association have started more than 200 Sunday Schools and otherwise aided the Sunday School cause, receiving from this field less than one-third of its expenditures within the field; therefore, we recommend to our churches an increased financial support of this Society, especially recommending each church to place this Society on

its list of benevolent objects for the month of *June*, and urging each church to make its annual offering to this Society—whether made on Children's Day or otherwise—to aggregate at least an average of 20 cents per enrolled member of its Sunday School.

C. *A Closing Word.*

"Not what others do for us, but what we do for others develops us," was the surprising statement of a recently Carlisle-graduated Indian on returning to his tribe. We want to recommend his motto to fifty of our Southern California churches in the matter of carrying on at least one branch or mission Sunday-school somewhere in your vicinage during the coming year. Some of you are doing it and reaping corresponding blessings. Others of you are loosing the blessing. One thousand neglected children wait for you to open and carry on these vicinage schools. Your members, your young people, are becoming "Californiaized" by the stupor of inaction. Brethren, it may be the time of the "passing of the revival," but it is still in place to cry "Awake, thou that sleepest," "for in such an hour as ye think not" the Lord cometh!

Larger spiritual results from our Sunday-school labors are desired. When shall we see them? They will come when "the fire of the Lord" falls upon the sacrifice! When will that be? When our Sunday School teaching is filled with the unadulterated truth of the Gospel; when that truth is incarnated in the lives of teachers and workers, so that

> "Their lives and lips express
> The holy Gospel they profess,"

so that their *week-day* influence shall help to lead scholars in the way of Jesus.

F.

REPORT ON THE STATE AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

REV. THOMAS HENDRY.

The intention of this paper is not to present the statistics of our churches in Southern California, but rather to give an account in a brief way of their condition as it appears from the reports which reached my hands.

The changes which have taken place in the past year in our churches, as far as I can find out, are the following:

Claremont—Rev. W. H. McDougal resigned to assume editorial work upon *The Pacific*. No successor has yet been secured.

Eagle Rock—Rev. H. G. Smead, evangelist, of Pasadena, has served the church during most of the past year.

Third Church, Los Angeles, after nine months without a pastor, united upon Rev. J. D. Habbick, who has entered upon the work.

West End, Los Angeles, accepted the resignation of Rev. Geo. Morris and called Rev. F. A. Field as its minister.

Olivet, Los Angeles—Rev. W. A. Lamb was called to the pastorate.

Central Avenue, Los Angeles—Rev. Jas. Parsons resigned to go east to labor in Iowa; Rev. C. S. Billings supplied the church acceptably for four months, when Rev. N. L. Rowell accepted the pastorate.

Sierra Madre—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott resigned after a faithful pastorate of ten years, and Rev. Otto Anderson assumed pastoral charge.

Monrovia—Rev. C. S. Vaile resigned; Rev. Otto Anderson was called to care for the church in connection with his work at Sierra Madre.

Paso Robles—Rev. A. D. Weage resigned. Rev. F. J. Culver supplied the pulpit with acceptance until Rev. S. D. Belt accepted the pastorate.

San Miguel—Rev. T. W. DeLong resigned; Rev. S. D. Belt assumed charge of the work in connection with his Paso Robles pastorate.

Santa Monica Prohibition church—Rev. S. D. Belt and a large majority of the membership withdrew their fellowship from the church, and it has ceased to maintain public services.

Bloomington and Rialto—Rev. Otto Anderson resigned and Rev. B. F. Hewlett has succeeded to the charge.

Ventura—Rev. A. Blanchard, of Denver, was called and entered upon his pastoral duties, but during the summer accepted a call to return to his Denver church; Rev. F. F. Pearse was called to minister to the church in connection with his work at Nordhoff.

Villa Park—Rev. A. D. Weage succeeded Rev. C. H. Longfellow, who was called to La Canyada.

San Jacinto—Rev. B. F. Hewlett resigned; Rev. H. E. Merrill succeeded him.

Alpine, Dehesa and Flynn Valley—Rev. J. A. Rogers, "full of good works which he did," has been called to his eternal rest. Rev. J. L. Pearson has taken up the work.

Buena Park—Rev. D. W. Morgan accepted a call to minister to this church in place of Rev. Geo. H. DeKay, resigned.

Chula Vista—Rev. L. M. Walters was called to the pastorate, served several months, and resigned on account of ill health.

National City—Rev. F. A. Bissell resigned; Rev. A. C. Dodd, graduate of the Pacific Theological Seminary, Oakland, entered upon the work.

Oceanside—The church voted to disband and the house of worship was sold to the Methodist body.

Encinitas—The work was discontinued when the church at Oceanside was sold.

Daggett, Halleck—The word comes that the churches in both these places are well-nigh extinct. A Sunday School is maintained at Daggett, but no preaching service at either place.

I. These are the impressions received from reading the reports:

(*a.*) That Southern California churches are a credit to any religious body, and they are served by earnest, self-sacrificing and faithful pastors and workers; much that cannot find a place in a paper such as this confirms this statement.

(*b.*) That good, faithful work has been done in the past year though it may not be apparent in largely increased statistical figures. He who says "Be thou faithful", we feel is well pleased with the records written through so many days in fields many of which are harder than in former years.

If one word were asked which would tell the condition of our churches that word would be the one used by so many in describing their work—"healthy."

There are shadows on our picture; we must paint our background in sombre colors this year if we shall be faithful. Some pastors' hearts are sad, we know, as they write the record of the past twelve months. It has not been a year of marked progress

in numbers and material prosperity. The seed has been sown in the ground but there has been no sound of the reaper in the fields. The budding fruit, nipped by early frosts, has not matured; cattle and horses have been sold for little in some places, as feed was too high to keep them; families have moved away to seek employment in other fields. This has been the condition in and around Poso, Rosedale, Hamlin, Paso Robles, San Miguel, Perris, Alessandro, Los Alamitos, and other places too many to name.

But amid the ruin of their crops, faithful pastors have gathered their people, Sabbath by Sabbath, and lead them in praise and prayer to Him who has inspired us to believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God;" and so disaster has been turned into triumph and failure into victory. Oftentimes the dark background but enhances the beauty of the landscape, which glows with loving colors. Clouds make us more appreciative of sunshine.

We feel the breaking of the clouds and the glow of the sun as we read of Redlands with its "improved prayer meeting," its "well-conducted Christian Endeavor," its "highest water mark in benevolences," its "healthy spiritual condition," its harmony and steady growth, the "missionary activity and victory over the rum power;" or Pomona with its "benevolences as large as usual," "well-sustained prayer meeting, Christian Endeavor and Sunday School," "no debts" and "no arrearages," and a revival under Major Hilton which resulted in much quickening to the church and some conversions; or the First Church, Los Angeles, which rejoices in larger congregations, numerous additions (over 100 in the past year), $3,000 paid on its debt in answer to prayer.

Pasadena, First, reports "well sustained services," "excellent prayer meeting," a Sunday School which has outgrown its rooms, and a "steadily increasing interest in missions." Pastor Lathe says concerning the "new pews" added during the past year, in these "we rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."

Escondido writes "good" over Sunday School, "larger" over prayer meeting, confesses to 45 additions during the year—20 on "confession of faith," and has provided an almost new house of worship, costing $2,700, with but $400 of indebtedness to the Congregational Church Building Society.

San Diego, First, reports "larger prayer meetings," "more life than ever before," Sunday School "especially good," and "church life flourishing."

Riverside says we have good congregations, "excellent spirit of benevolence," "finances in splendid shape," and enter upon the fall campaign "united," aggressive, and full of hope.

Time fails to tell of Santa Ana and San Bernardino in their special work for the Spanish people; Whittier, which closes the year free of debt and in good condition; East Los Angeles, reaching out to interest its constituency; Bethlehem, Los Angeles, with its story of progress; Claremont in its work among the students; North Church, Pasadena, Pico Heights, Plymouth, Los Angeles, which each might, from the good work done, challenge our careful attention in points of interest developed in connection with their work in the past year.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." Many of our brethren seem to have discovered it.

Another fact appears from the reports of the churches—that in a year of scarcity in many districts, and tightness in money matters in all, building and improvements have gone forward in quite a number of fields. Buena Park has astonished itself and friends by erecting a modern seven room parsonage free of any debt, except that to the Congregational Church Building Society. Lemon Grove has built a beautiful house of worship at a cost of $950. Bakersfield doubles the value of its property by moving and improving the church edifice, and feels now a confidence that the church is there to remain. Villa Park arises to build a parsonage to cost $750, asking no aid from the outside in the undertaking. Poway is to purchase, or has purchased, a church property from the Methodists. Escondido—look about you; "old things have passed away."

Others have improved their properties or made first payments on new purchases. These things are significant of the interest of the people in the different fields of labor, and are evidences of vitality and a desire for the progress of Congregationalism and the cause of Christ.

II. Perhaps something ought to be said concerning those things in which the reports of churches show we might improve.

(*a.*) The wheels of our missionary chariot seem to drag heavily; many churches say, "Our missionary offerings are far below what they ought to be;" "Covenant obligations to aid our Denomination in its National Societies rest lightly upon the con-

science of the average church member." While we improve our "plant" for work at home, we seem, to some extent, to neglect our needy brethren in this land and in other lands, who have not only no place of worship whatever, but no knowledge of Christ. "If one of you say, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?"

There are exceptions to this criticism. Some of our churches are thoroughly alive on the subject of "Missions" and are doing nobly. Others are adopting the "tithe and offering" as a mode of giving and will do better; but the "rank and file" need to be more instructed in this subject, and a spirit of sacrifice for missions awakened. There was one report from a pastor which breathed a spirit of devotion to missionary work which will soon kindle his church into a flame of missionary enthusiasm.

Missionary concerts, monthly, for Home and Foreign Work, and the circulation of missionary books in the congregations, and men's and women's missionary clubs are in existence in some churches. These do much, if thoroughly worked, to increase our missionary interest and funds, and would prevent a repetition of what our Home Missionary Superintendent assures me has taken place—the curtailing or abandoning of work which has been organized. Our first duty would seem to be, as Congregationalists, to foster and care for, in a generous way, the work which we have undertaken, rather than to adopt new lines of work, however laudable, and leave our own to perish.

What shall we say of our spiritual condition?

> "O wad some power the giftie gie us,
> To see oursel's as ithers see us;
> It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
> And foolish notion."

The words of one brother seem to be re-echoed by many others; "Our church shows spirituality in a practical way—in faithful observance of the services and maintaining the ordinary meetings and organizations of the church. The sentiment called spirituality we seem to possess little of." There are only two or three churches which report any extended evangelistic services, and these report quickening to the church, but few conversions. A goodly number say, We greatly desire and look for a revival of religion in our midst: while others report a regular increase in gathering converts through the ordinary means of grace. The fruit this year has been mostly "hand-picked." Some reports deplore the condition in which their church has been left through

the unworthy conduct of many who were taken into church fellowship during revivals, and have fallen away, bringing disgrace on the name of the church and of the Master. There are revivals and revivals. One report says, "We have had twelve separate 'special efforts' in our town in the last year, and are not dead yet. I think this speaks wonders for the spiritual condition of the people." It might be fairly asked whether the Southern California churches as a body, through their reports, do not show that they are looking for increase rather through the ordinary services than through "special meetings" in which an evangelist leads. If I am not mistaken, all would welcome a deep spiritual awakening which would drive infidelity into darkness and bring our young people and others to Christ.

The wheels of organization are here, but we need more of "the Spirit in the wheels" Who will manifest Himself in greater longings and better plans to reach the unsaved, and in larger gifts to our benevolences.

In closing, how can we more effectively do our work in the coming year, learning from one another better methods or new methods of work? "As iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

We are here to learn from one another's work and to gain suggestions from one another for our future labors. One means which has proved helpful to some of our churches is the "Sunday Evening Club." The "Club" meets and plans special means to interest those not in the habit of attending church services, and to induce them to give their presence and support on Sunday evenings at least. Pomona and the First Church of Pasadena have both materially increased their Sunday evening congregations through this means.

A woman's Wednesday Morning Club, for the study of literature, has done much to interest the ladies of East Los Angeles not in regular attendance at church services. An enrollment of 20 members speedily grew to 40, and the year's work closed with 90 members full of enthusiasm and interest. Mrs. C. P. Dorland, wife of the pastor of the East Side Church, is the organizer and successful leader of this club.

Another method is the co-operation of pastor and Y. P. S. C. E. in a joint service on Sunday evening. The pastor gives an extemporaneous address of fifteen minutes. This service seems to

have solved for some churches the problem of how to induce better attendance at the Sunday evening service.

Not one report mentions the Boys' Brigade in any way. This movement seems to have marched into oblivion as far as our churches are concerned. (Since writing this paper Riverside arises to say it has a successful brigade.)

The "Bible Study" classes of Pastors Lathe and Walters have developed a new interest in the study of the Word among their young people.

Prof. Lovejoy's expository sermons on Daniel, at the Santa Barbara church while he was preaching there as supply, were successful in interesting the people in a marked degree.

Bethlehem Institutional church has demonstrated that when we touch the people at the point of their greatest bodily need the doors of the homes open to pastor and visitors. A "free dispensary," and help in sickness and trouble have proved to the people that Bethlehem church is their friend.

A church manned by women, at Sherman, on the electric car line between Los Angeles and Santa Monica, Rev. E. Cash, pastor, has solved the problem how to run a church successfully when the men are either indifferent or absent. The pastor has organized the lady members into committees as follows: "Work Committee," "Calling Committee," "Social Committee," "Care of Church Committee," "Finance Committee," "Decoration Committee." Each week these committees all meet at a simple luncheon and talk over plans and work, and make reports of work done.

We have studied together in a brief half-hour the labors of another year. We have missed much that is valuable. The reality is in the labor of love in these fields. The sacrifices, the prayers the tears, the longings—who can photograph these? If we have been faithful these have been engraven, not on perishable paper, but on hearts that will never grow old. Some day we shall read our perhaps long forgotten record in redeemed and quickened lives.

If I should be allowed to take up a parable concerning our Congregational man who resides in Southern California, I should say he is certainly growing; he is taller and stronger than in years past; there appears no alarming symptom; all vital organs seem well-conditioned; yet his circulation is poor; his extremities

have a tendency to become cold; a more vigorous action of the heart, the centre of being, would send quickening and reviving tides to every part. We would recommend that a committee of wise men, say three doctors, with a singer, and with our Home Missionary Superintendent as guide, visit those outlying parts, and by their prescription, perchance, bring to these extremities some of the superabundant life of the centres.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

G.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Henry Conant Abernethy was born in Harwinton, Connecticut, August 13, 1814. At the age of sixteen he entered upon a business career, which he followed first as a clerk and later as a principal until 1845. At Augusta, Illinois, November 28, 1839, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Dexter.

He became a Christian in early manhood, and following his own deepening convictions, as well as the advice of friends, he was ordained in 1848 by the Presbytery of Schuyler. From that time until within two years of his death he was actively engaged in ministerial work, having six pastorates in all, the last being at Poway, California, where he died. Mr. Abernethy's health began to fail some four years ago. Since then his son has supplied the pulpit, the father still acting as pastor. In October he attended the meeting of the General Association at Escondido, but shortly after his return he was taken ill, rallying temporarily, and on November 25th he quietly passed away as if on the wings of prayer.

Mr. Abernethy everywhere made friends and it is not known that he ever had an enemy. As a Christian he "walked with God;" as a husband and father he was a model; as a preacher, earnest, pungent and forceful; as a pastor, ever on the alert and faithful and greatly blessed in his work; as a man, so upright, so genial and kind, so courteous and circumspect that he was universally respected and beloved. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

Rev. I. W. Atherton.

REV. LEMAN N. BARBER was born at Westfield, Morrill Co., Ohio, March 15, 1839, and died in San Diego, California, July 18, 1898. He was converted in his boyhood and united with what was known as the New Light Church, and later became a minister of that denomination. He was married in 1860 to Miss Henrietta Feetes, who survives him. He served in the army during the Civil War as a volunteer in the 23d Michigan Infantry.

He was ordained to the ministry Sept. 29, 1870. He began to labor under Congregational auspices in Michigan in 1877. About two years later he came to California, and in 1880 ministered to our churches at Fort Jones and Oro Fino in the northern part of the State. Later he is reported as laboring at Soquel, Corralitos, Lincoln, Paradise, Moloek, and Crockett, in the central part of the State. He came to Southern California in the year 1892 to reside with his son at San Jacinto, but soon took up missionary work at Oro Grande, Daggett and other stations along the Mojave river. His work in California was mostly home missionary work. He rarely had charge of less than two stations. He wrought willingly in fields which few would volunteer to occupy, doing earnest and faithful work in sparsely-settled neighborhoods far away from the crowded centers of population. He was a preacher of no mean ability. He held forth the Word of life plainly, forcibly, with evangelistic spirit. He shunned not to "declare the whole counsel of God." The last two years of his life were spent chiefly upon the farm left vacant by the death of his son at San Jacinto. For more than a year before his death he suffered from cancer. He fought bravely and patiently against death approaching with slow and certain steps in this fearful form, but at last yielded, and his mortal remains were placed by the side of those of his son in the San Jacinto cemetery. "He was not, for God took him."

REV. M. FAYETTE PLATT was born in Milford, Connecticut, June 4, 1822, and died at National City, California, July 11, 1898, at the age of 76 years.

He moved with his parents from Milford to Oberlin, Ohio, when quite young. So far as known to his son at National City, with whom he spent the last years of his life, Mr. Platt received his education, both literary and theological, at Oberlin. For some years he was engaged in teaching, a part of the time in Missouri. He was married at Oberlin, Ohio, September 10, 1851, to Miss Tirzah Parsons, who became the mother of four sons,

three of whom are now living, two in Lincoln, Nebraska, and one in National City, California. Mrs. Pratt died in San Diego, April 15, 1888.

Mr. Platt was ordained to the ministry at Tabor, Iowa, November 11, 1863, being then 41 years of age. So far as the writer has information, he preached first in Iowa, then in Nebraska, and later for four or five years here in California. Both in Iowa and in Nebraska he was a pioneer preacher, under commission of the American Home Missionary Society. In Nebraska he was located at first in connection with two or three different churches, but afterward traveled extensively as a general missionary among the people in the frontier settlements and the outlying districts, preaching to them the Gospel, and wherever it was found practicable bringing those of the same and of different denominational polities together and organizing them as a Congregational church. For this work among "the scattered sheep of the flock" he had special interest and aptitude, and in it, as long as he had health, he was very successful. This was the sort of work that he undertook under commission of the Congregational Home Missionary Society on coming to California in 1886. And in the eager pursuit of it he pushed his way through all this region, organizing at length the churches of Spring Valley and Poway, and including in his circuit of visitation and of occasional preaching Escondido, Dehesa, Jamul, La Presa, and Otay. This work he continued for four or five years. Then, as his health gave way and his memory began to fail, he retired reluctantly from the work he had so long followed and that he loved so well.

Mr, Platt, at his best, was a man of fine personal presence, of warm, genial temperament, and very affable and winsome in manner. And hence, both by reason of these characteristics and also because of his evident sincerity and depth of Christian character, he was a man well calculated to win and hold friends. Moreover, both in the pulpit as an earnest and faithful preacher and also in his work and personal influence among the people as a pastor he was instrumental in leading many to Christ and in doing much good.

The last year of his life was spent mostly with his son and family in National City. He deeply felt and mourned the loss of his beloved wife. Almost impatiently he longed to depart and be with Christ. More than once, under some severe attack of pulmonary or other trouble, he came near the border, and both he and his friends thought it the end. But each time he rallied,

growing all the time feebler both in body and in mind, keeping about, however, until nearly the end. Then, taking to his couch, after a few days of suffering, on the 11th day of July, glad to go, he "fell asleep" and "was not, for God took him."

REV. I. W. ATHERTON.

REV. JOHN ALBERT ROGERS was born in New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 8, 1830, and died at Alpine, California, Feb. 3, 1898, in the 68th year of his age.

As a youth he received a good high-school and academic education at New Bedford. After leaving the academy he studied medicine for about a year. But at the death of his father about that time it became necessary for him to care for himself, his two young sisters and widowed mother, and this led him to turn aside from study and seek remunerative employment.

In 1850 he married Miss Mary Milligan, who died in May, 1883. Four years after this, in 1887, he married Miss Sarah S. Church, of San Diego, who yet lives to mourn the loss of one in whose behalf, both at home and in the parish, she so faithfully and helpfully ministered to the very last.

The business experience of Mr. Rogers was manifold and varied, running through many years, and cannot be given in detail here. Suffice it, that, in the course of this experience he was at one time and for years a justice of the peace, ever a politician of the true sort, an active reformer and temperance worker, and fearless as a helper in the execution of Iowa's statutory prohibition!

At one time he made money rapidly: but he met with reverses, suffering loss upon loss. And being at length partially deprived of eyesight and otherwise held under discipline, he was led to serious thought and finally to his conversion.

This conversion took place during a revival at Cromwell, Iowa, he being then at the ripe age of 45 years. By reason of this and under the impulse and guidance of the Spirit, he was led to the study of the Bible, to much self-denial and prayer, to activity in Christian service, and finally to the conviction that he should and must give himself wholly to gospel work. Accordingly during the last years of his residence in Iowa he served efficiently as a missionary of the American Sunday School Union.

On coming to California in 1886 he was appointed General

Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at San Diego, in which capacity he served four years. Following his convictions and encouraged by the advice of others, in 1891 he entered upon the full work of the ministry, and was ordained at Encinitas, Nov. 19, 1890. Yet previous to this, as a Sunday School missionary and as a secretary of the Y. M. C. A. he had had large experience, virtually as a preacher, in the holding of Gospel meetings and in the plain, practical presentation of Gospel truth.

In 1891 he entered upon the work at Alpine and Alpine Heights, organizing a church there and at Flynn Valley, and reaching out from there widely to Oak Grove, Descanso and Dehesa. As the sole bishop of this section of the foothills, covering a district of at least threescore square miles, over hill and dale, rough roads and smooth, in all sorts of weather, and through a range at each visit of from five to twenty miles, this servant of God, though almost sightless, faithfully met his appointments for almost seven years; doing this, however, it is true, under the guidance either of his faithful and helpful wife, or at times solely under that of his true and exceptionally sagacious horse!

Here "Father Rogers," as he was lovingly called, was everywhere known, respected and highly esteemed. Here, by his genial and kindly manner, his apt wit, and by that large experience of men and affairs that now proved of such invaluable service to him in his work, he easily and readily put himself in touch with young and old and with all sorts of persons, in the church and out of it. And here, above all, by his sterling Christian character, his earnest purpose, his yearning desire to save men and build them up in Christ, and his simple yet clear and strong presentation of Gospel truth, his labors were greatly blessed of God: his record is written and will abide, not alone in the hearts of his people, but also in the hearts of his ministerial brethren and of all who knew him.

Mr. Rogers' final sickness was sudden and violent, and was attended, during a period of twenty-five days, with much suffering and pain. But at length, in answer to his prayer, the welcome messenger of death came mercifully to his relief. Truly as he passed could it be said of this good brother, "Mark the perfect man, behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." And of such write, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

REV. I. W. ATHERTON.

REV. JOHN JAY WEAGE was born in Napoli, New York, Aug. 1, 1830, and died at National City, California, February 11, 1898, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

He graduated at Hillsdale College, Michigan, and studied theology at Oberlin, Ohio, under Professor Finney.

He was married twice, first to a Miss Bryant, of New York; and after her death to Miss Mary Dudley, of Ohio, who yet lives, making her home with her son, Rev. A. D. Weage, of Tulare.

He had five children, four of whom survive—two daughters and two sons—these sons being both in the active work of the ministry and pastors of Congregational churches in California.

Mr. Weage was ordained by a Free-Will Baptist Conference in 1863. From 1866 to 1873 he was principal and professor of Greek and Latin in the Academy of Prairie City, Illinois. He served as a minister even while teaching; and afterward, until he came to California, did full and active work as a pastor, serving Free-Will Baptist alternately with Congregational churches. Not long after his removal to California he united with our San Diego Association by letter from the Free-Will Baptist Conference of Michigan.

Mr. Weage was a man of intense convictions, strong will, of fervent and self-sacrificing spirit, and wholly devoted to his work. As a preacher, he was clear, earnest, forceful, eminently Scriptural; and so filled was he with the Spirit and such was his passion for souls that an almost constant revival influence attended his ministry.

About three years ago, following his children who had preceeded him, he came to this Coast and settled with his wife and an unmarried daughter in National City, California. He had hoped here to renew his youth and to re-engage in the work he loved so well. Ever his almost pathetic cry was, "Is there not something here for me to do? O, for ten more years at least of this blessed work of the Gospel ministry!" Disappointed in this intense desire of his soul and almost heartbroken, there came upon him soon the recurrence of an old disease, under the depressing influence of which and of an extreme nervous prostration he gradually failed and at length died.

For a time, after he broke down, as he lay prone and helpless there was more or less of darkness and cloud. But at the last it was all well. God graciously remembered his servant and came

to the relief of his weary and fainting spirit; and in the light that was not of earth that shone in upon his soul, there came the old and sweet, sweet sense of resignation and child-like faith—the full triumph of victorious faith!

Thus, peacefully, early in the morning of February 11, 1898, he passed to "the rest that remaineth to the people of God," and to the higher service above. Truly saith the Psalmist, "So He giveth his beloved sleep."

REV. I. W. ATHERTON.

COURSE OF STUDY

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

At the annual meeting of this Association held May 14, 1890, the following was reported as a suitable course of study for ministers who have entered the work without Seminary theological training:

FIRST YEAR.

1. New Testament History.....William Smith, LL. D.
2. Introduction to Theology.....Prof. Henry B. Smith, D. D.
3. Logic.....W. S. Jevons.
4. Church History (Reading).. .....George P. Fisher, D. D.
5. Church Polity.....Dexter or Ross.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament History.....William Smith, LL. D.
2. Systematic Theology.....Prof. Henry B. Smith, D. D.
3. Psychology..... .....Noah Porter, D. D.
4. Homiletics.....Prof. A. Phelps or F. W. Fisk
5. Church History (Reading).....George P. Fisher, D. D.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology..... .....Prof. Henry B. Smith, D. D.
2. Christian Ethics.....Calderwood.
3. Rhetoric..... .....A. S. Hill.
4. Church History (Reading).....George P. Fisher, D. D.

It was voted that this report be adopted, and that we recommend to councils for ordination that candidates who have not taken a complete theological course of study be requested to complete the course arranged by this Committee, or its equivalent, before ordination.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Los Angeles Association.

(Organized May 7, 1886.)

Registrar—Rev. J. M. Schaefle, Pico Heights, Los Angeles.

Churches — Avalon, Bakersfield, Buena Park, Claremont, Compton, Eagle Rock, Hyde Park, La Canyada, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Los Angeles—First, Park, Third, Vernondale, East, Pico Heights, Plymouth, Olivet, West End, Bethlehem, Swedish, and Central Avenue; Monrovia, Nordhoff, Norwalk, Pasadena—First, North, and Lake Avenue; Paso Robles, Pomona, Poso, Redondo Beach, Rosedale, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Saticoy, Sherman, Ventura, Villa Park, Whittier.

Ministers—E. E. P. Abbott, Otto Anderson, C. G. Baldwin, C. S. Billings, A. D. Bissell, E. R. Brainerd, Sherlock Bristol, J. F. Brown, Alden B. Case, Harlan P. Case, E. Cash, D. H. Colcord, J. H. Cooper, M. S. Crosswell, F. J. Culver, W. F. Day, G. H. DeKay, C. P. Dorland, A. P. Field, F. A. Field, F. S. Forbes, J. T. Ford, L. H. Frary, W. P. Hardy, J. H. Harwood, Allen Hastings, Thomas Hendry, Edward Hildreth, D. D. Hill, D. L. Jenkins, A. K. Johnson, H. W. Jones, S. H. Kellogg, S. C. Kendall, G. P. Kimball, W. A. Lamb, H. W. Lathe, C. H. Longfellow, W. W. Madge, W. H. McDougal, George Morris, E. C. Norton, F. F. Pearse, J. W. Phillips, R. Pratt, F. M. Price, G. A. Rawson, O. V. Rice, N. L. Rowell, J. M. Schaefle, Frederic Shield, J. E. Smith, W. W. Snell, H. T. Staats, D. C. Starkey, C. B. Sumner, C. S. Vaile, A. D. Weage, S. H. Wheeler, George Willett.

Licentiates—George J. Binder, J. B. Irvine, Jr.

Met at Avalon, May 10, 1898: Rev. W. A. Lamb, Moderator; Rev. A. B. White, Assistant Moderator; Rev. W. P. Hardy, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "Apostolic Preaching," Rev. Addison Blanchard. "Faithfulness to Covenant Obligations:"—"In the Home," Rev. W. A. Lamb; "In the Church," Rev. S. D. Belt; "In the State," Rev. C. P. Dorland. Review by Rev. Geo. H. DeKay of book entitled "In His Steps." "A Church Paper in Every Family," Rev. O. V. Rice.

Next meeting will be held in Los Angeles, Park Congregational church, in May, 1899. Notice of date will be given in *The Pacific.*

San Bernardino Association.

(Organized in May, 1887.)

Registrar—Rev. George Robertson, Mentone.

Churches—Alessandro, Bloomington, Corona (South Riverside), Etiwanda, Halleck, Highland, Lakeview, Mentone, Moreno, Needles, Ontario, Perris, Redlands—First, and Lugonia Terrace; Rialto, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Jacinto.

Ministers—W. N. Burr, C. H. Davis, S. G. Emerson, E. F. Goff, B. F. Hewlett, H. W. Houlding, T. C. Hunt, S. G. Lamb, A. L. Park, George Robertson, J. C. Rollins, O. H. Spoor, A. W. Thompson, A. E. Tracy, E. B. Tuthill, J. H. Williams, W. H. Woolcott.

Met at San Jacinto, May 3 and 4, 1898: Rev. W. N. Burr, Moderator; Rev. J. C. Rollins, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "Home Missions," Revs. J. T. Ford and H. P. Case; "The Prayer Meeting," Rev. W. N. Burr; "The Fellowship of the Churches," Rev. Edward F. Goff; "Church Finances," Rev. J. C. Rollins; "The Quiet Hour," Rev. J. H. Williams, D. D.; "Woman's Home Missionary Work," Mrs. S. G. Lamb; "Woman's Foreign Missionary Work," Miss Chapin, Missionary in China; "Pomona College," Students—Miss Mary Parker and Mr. Fong T. Lee.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Ontario, May 2 and 3, 1899.

San Diego Association.

(Organized April 30, 1895.)

Registrar—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

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Met at San Diego, April 27 and 28,. 1898: Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards, Moderator; J. L. Pearson, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "Missionary and Benevolent Work of Our Churches:" (1.) "Methods of Benevolence," Rev. J. T. Ford; (2.) "Missionary Intelligence," Mrs. Dewey, missionary in Turkey; (3.) "Its Unification," Rev. I. W. Atherton. "The Working Church:" (1.) "In its Business Affairs," Open Parliament; (2.) "As a Social Force," Mrs. E. B. Hartshorn; (3.) "As a Spiritual Power," C. H. Abernethy. "The Christian Endeavor Society Making the Church Strong," Mrs. C. A. Sheldon. "Teaching the Bible:" (1.) "In the Sunday School," Rev. H. P. Case. (2.) "From the Pulpit," Rev. J. L. Pearson. "The Church and the Home," Rev. N. T. Edwards. "How to Make the Gospel a Practical Force:" (1.) "In Civic Affairs," Mr. W. A. Sloane. (2.) "In Business Relations," Mr. M. L. Ward.

Next meeting will be at the call of the Moderator and the Registrar.

COUNCILS

HELD DURING THE YEAR 1898.

APRIL 26.—Met at Sherman with reference to the recognition of the church lately organized at that place. Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and Rev. O. V. Rice, Scribe. Resulted in the recognition of the church, with public services as follows: Scriptures read by Rev. J. M. Schaefle; Prayer of Recognition, Rev. F. A. Field; Welcome to the Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. W. F. Day, D. D.; Charge to the Church, Rev. C. P. Dorland; Address, Rev. Harlan P. Case.

MAY 2.—Called to meet at Lakeview, San Diego County, to advise in reference to organizing a church in that place. Rev. J. H. Williams, D. D., Moderator; Rev. S. G. Emerson, Scribe. Resulted in recognition of the church, with the following order of services: Sermon, Rev. J. T. Ford; Prayer of Recognition, Rev. W. H. Wolcott; Welcome to the Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. S. G. Emerson; Charge to the Church, Rev. J. H. Williams, D. D.; Benediction, Rev. H. E. Merrill.

OCTOBER 14.—Called to meet at the First Congregational church, National City, for the ordination of Mr. Arthur C. Dodd and his recognition as pastor of the church. Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D., Moderator; C. H. Abernethy, Scribe. Resulted in the ordination of Mr. Dodd and his recognition as pastor, with public services as follows: Opening Prayer, Rev. H. H. Wikoff; Scripture, Mr. C. H. Abernethy; Sermon, Rev. J. K. McLean, D. D.; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. I. W. Atherton; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. N. T. Edwards; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. S. A. Norton, D. D.; Charge to the Church, Rev. J. T. Ford.

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1895	Riverside	Rev. Warren F. Day, D. D.	Rev. Frederick A. Field	Rev. John H. Williams
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1898	Escondido	Rev. John H. Williams, D. D.	Rev. Otto Anderson	Rev. Edward F. Goff

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Town or City	Organized	Name	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Avalon	'89		Ewing O. Tade, P	'61	'94	6	9	15	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1
Bakersfield	'92	Dr. William O. Spencer	Edgar R. Fuller, P	'86	'97	19	26	45	3	7	5	12	2	0	0	2	0	1
Buena Park	'88	Dea. John Tanner	David W. Morgan, P	'85	'97	8	20	28	3	2	5	7	0	2	8	10	0	1
Claremont	'91	Herbert Patten	Henry W. Jones	'66	'98	74	78	152	33	6	17	23	2	13	1	16	3	0
Compton	'88	Mrs. A. C. Brown	Sheldon H. Wheeler, P	'75	'95	28	44	72	5	1	6	7	0	4	0	4	0	0
Eagle Rock	'86	Mrs. A. Seaman (Highl'd Pk	Henry G. Smead, P. (Evang.)		'98	7	8	15	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0
Hamlin (P. O., Delano)	'96	Miss Mae Hamlin	A. K. Johnson, P., (Rosedale)	'63	'97	2	7	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaefle, P	'87	'90	5	8	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Canyada	'97	C. B Blain	Charles H. Longfellow,	'96	'98	8	8	16	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
Long Beach	'88	Laurence Byrnes	Sidney C. Kendall, P	'83	'95	16	38	54	6	0	10	10	1	1		2	0	1
Los Alamitos	'97	A. O. Clement	John Fletcher Brown, P	'74	'98	10	15	25	11	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	0	0
Los Angeles, First	'67	Fred. A. Duy	Warren F. Day, P	'66	'94	260	484	744	65	26	94	120	10	33	8	51	9	
" " Park	'84	A. T. Snell	Thomas Hendry, P. C	'91	'91	40	98	138		7	10	17	1	12	15	28	1	3
" " Third	'85	W. H. Armstrong	John D. Habbick	'97	'98	10	27	37		0	0	0	1	19	24	44		
" " Vernondale, (S. L. A.)	'85	Dea. Wm. Wight	William P. Hardy, P	'83	'97	38	60	98	10	12	7	19	0	5	1	6	1	
" " East (Sta. A.)	'87	Miss Agnes Jacobus	Chester P. Dorland, P	'97	'97	75	126	201	24	18	38	56	0	7	0	7	4	0
" " Pico Heights	'87	Dea. W. H. Klusmann	John M. Schaefle, P	'87	'91	36	43	79	11	3	7	10	0	1	0	1	1	0
" " Plymouth	'88	Wm. B. Mosher	Joseph Wild, P	'54	'97	28	49	77		1	15	16	0	5	16	21	2	7
" " West End (Sta. E)	'88	James Travis	Frederick A. Field, P	'80	'98	13	30	43	5	1	6	7	0	9	0	9		
" " Olivet (Sta. D.)	'89	F. J. Watson	William A. Lamb, P	'74	'97	18	36	54	3	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
" " Swedish	'89	C. E. Eliason	[E. M. Carlson, Sw. Mis'n] P.	'97	'96	26	39	65	2	4	0	4	0	5	4	9	0	0
" " Bethlehem	'92	Samuel Solomon	Dana W. Bartlett, P	'87	'96	46	85	131	34	18	20	38	0	11	1	12	7	1
" " Central Ave. (Sta. G)	'96	Miss Minnie J. Borst	Nathan L. Rowell, P	'64	'98	18	36	54	17	0	11	11	0	2	0	2	0	0
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Belle V. Bent	Otto Anderson, P	'96	'98	11	16	27	5	0	2	2	2	12	7	21	0	0
Nordhoff	'88	Mrs. Sarah A. Baker	Franklin F. Pearse, P	'83	'96	24	46	70	9	6	4	10	1	5	7	13	3	1
Norwalk	'96	W. Harvey Smith	George H. DeKay, P. C	'90	'96	15	33	48	9	9	4	13	0	9	2	11	4	0
Pasadena, First	'85	Dea. George A. Green	Herbert W. Lathe, P	'77	'95	128	213	341		12	26	38	4	9	1	14	2	0
" North	'89	Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, P	'60	'88	38	79	117	17	6	8	14	1	1	0	2	0	0
" Lake Avenue	'96	A. I. Gammon	Stephen G. Emerson, P	'90	'98	30	45	75	10	3	14	17	2	8	0	10	2	1
Paso Robles	'94	George F. Witter	Salathiel D. Belt, P	'71	'98	12	81	43	13	5	5	10	0	5	0	5	4	2
Pomona	'87	Harold M. Jones	Lucien H. Frary, P. C	'69	'88	157	245	402		19	17	36	4	16	1	21	12	1
Poso	'92	Mrs. Clarence Wright	A. K. Johnson, P. (Rosedale)	'63	'92	14	20	34	3	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	0	2
Redondo Beach	'95	Mrs. Alice A. Fisher	Charles Y. Snell, P	'71	'98	16	25	41	12	4	8	12	1	12	10	23	0	0
Rosedale	'92	I. T. Sharpe	Alfred K. Johnson, P	'63	'91	37	52	89		1	4	5	0	5	0	5	2	1
San Luis Obispo	'92	Mrs. J. M. Huyck	Howard N. Smith, P	'89	'97	8	22	30	3	1	6	7	0	9	1	10	0	2
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford	S. D. Belt, P. (Paso Robles)	'71	'98	4	16	20	3	1	2	3		3	2	5	0	0
Santa Ana	'89	Mrs. S. H. Peabody	John H. Cooper, P	'87	'95	37	75	112	10	6	10	16	0	3	1	4	4	2
Santa Barbara	'67	Eli Kimberly	Frank S. Forbes, P	'88	'95	75	164	239	42	7	16	23	4	10	3	17	2	7
Santa Monica	'90	Mrs. Eula B. Campbell				2	5	7		0	0	0	0	39	0	39	0	0
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, P	'64	'90	12	25	37	8	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Sherman (P. O., Shermanton)	'98	Henry Wiatt	Elijah Cash, P	'78	'96	7	9	16	4	6	11	17	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sierra Madre	'86	J. J. Graham	Otto Anderson, P	'96	'98	34	48	82	7	5	6	11	1	10	6	17	2	1
Ventura	'68	Charles L. Sheldon				40	80	120		5	7	12	1	12	10	23	3	0
Villa Park	'89	Dea. Henry Snyder	Arthur D. Weage, P	'96	'98	18	22	40	7	2	2	4	0	6	0	6	1	0
Whittier	'94	Mrs. A. C. Strain	George Willett, P	'78	'94	37	51	88	18	7	17	24	0	10	0	10	0	7
Total.	45	44		38		1547	2696	4243	420	218	427	645	39	330	135	504	71	43

CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			Famil's	Y. P. S. C. E.	BENEVOLENCES										
Town or City	Organized	Superintendents	M.	Av.			For-eign	Education	Church Bldg.	Home Miss'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Leg-acy	Home Exp.
Avalon	'89	J. D. McLean	34	22	24	8	5	0	5	26	3	5	1	26	71	0	1050
Bakersfield	'62	Rev. Edgar R. Fuller	59	26	60	62	16	0	0	16	3	6	0	200	241	0	3152
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	70	38	52	35	11	0	6	11	0	4	0	6	38	0	1000
Claremont	'91	Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin	174	133	70	99	104	0	0	98	13	7	12	20	254		1265
Compton	'88	H F Kohler	150	92		26	15	4	46	45	12	12	0	32	166	0	1055
Eagle Rock	'86	J Q. Adams, (Verdugo)	50	40	9	14							2		2		205
Hamlin (P O. Delano)	'96	A. C. Morgan (Delano)	38		6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B Clark	40	25	18	12	0	0	0	23	0	8	0	7	38	0	277
La Canyada	'97	Prof. E. L. French			20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	175
Long Beach	'88	Rev. G. J Webster	30	30	20	18						5		10	15		800
Los Alamitos	'97	Rev. J. Fletcher Brown	40	36	40	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	8	0	197
Los Angeles, First	'67	Henry E. Storrs	500	300	450	105	320	15,054	35	790	54	18	95	523	16,889	8500	8970
" " Park	'84	J. H. Vening	160			48	40	0	25	27	0	10	0	50	152	0	1100
" " Third	'85	W. H. Armstrong															
" " Vernon (S. L.A.)	'85	Durrell Draper	200	112	75	50	66	2	7	0	35	7	8	25	150	0	1015
" " East (Sta A)	'87	Lester S. Moore	214	134	110	109	9	0	16	83	10	5	0	0	123	0	1782
" " Pico Heights	'87	H. T. Dalton	181	128		50	10		8	23				10	51		580
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" " Olivet (Sta. D)	'89	M. W. Brown	196	115	25	0	10	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	17	0	216
" " Swedish	'89	C. E. Norberg	36		25		0	0	2	3	0	0	0	149	154	0	1200
" " Bethlehem	'92	O. D. Conrey	286	178	300	95	6	0	2	6	0	6	0	3	23	0	840
" " Central Av.(Sta.G)	'96	Charles I. Mosteller	125	61	50	39	6	0	4	0	0	3	0	4	17	0	500
Monrovia	'87	Roswell H. Wilson					0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	138
Nordhoff	'88	Frank P Barrows	100	58	49	41	15			37		5		10	67		750
Norwalk	'96	E. P. Truitt	60	51	28	30	14	4	8	23	3	5	5	29	91	0	600
Pasadena, First	'85	A. L. Hamilton	337	192	160	112	191	7	27	298	5	29	0	47	604	0	6160
" North	'89	J H. Woodworth	135		75	0	10	120	0	9	6	8	0	0	153	0	1360
" Lake Avenue	'96	Mrs. M. B. Follett	129	106		71	99	0	7	32	8	3	6	46	201	0	860
Paso Robles	'94	Mrs. A. B. Curtiss		61	45	16		12				5			17		711
Pomona	'87	John P. Storrs, M	365	205	178	145	477	6772	22	828	32	49	100	78	8358	0	2949
Poso	'92	— — Brittain	42	33			0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5		100
Redondo Beach	'95	W. N. Best	97	68	25	22	0	0	3	23	0	4	0	0	30	0	485
Rosedale	'92	Charles Andrew	67	49		45			10	20					30		200
San Luis Obispo	'92	J. K. Tuley	83	52	50	40	8		8	20		2			38	0	618
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara B. Telford		20	12												75
Santa Ana	'89	John A. Hankey, M	170	114	100	35	44	5	15	114	6	5	14	36	239	0	1188
Santa Barbara	'67	Mrs. May Reese, M	154	115	250	60	126	100	18	215	98	10	53	110	730	0	2500
Santa Monica	'90						5			28				185	218		290
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. S. R. Sharp	45	37	45	0	25	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	28	0	410
Sherman (P.O., Shermanton)	'98	H. A. Phelps	40	30	30		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	250
Sierra Madre	'86	Chas. W. Camp	63	49	65	38	6	0	12	29	0	14	15	25	101	0	987
Ventura	'68	Mrs. Clara Williams	80	60		42			25	65	26		32	2	150	250	915
Villa Park	'89	G. F. Lathrop	100	55			4	0	3	5	0	4	3	15	34	0	805
Whittier	'94	N. P. Shull	100	75	35	42	20	0	7	20	5	5	0	4	61	0	1039

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES		CLERKS	MINISTERS		MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED				BAPT.	
Town or City	Organized	Name	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De	Let	Dis.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Alessandro	'95	Mrs. William MacMahill	William H. Wolcott, P.	'70	'96	8	12	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bloomington	'92	Leonard Bahr	Benjamin F. Hewlett, P.	'87	'98	24	32	56	5	7	9	16	0	7	2	9	5	0
*Corona	'87	George H. Merriam	William N. Burr, P.	'88	'97	47	76	123	9	3	8	11	0	8	15	23	1	0
Etiwanda	'93	Clark Hickox	Alexander W. Thompson, P	'80	'97	9	13	22	4	0	2	2	0	1	2	3	0	0
Halleck	'84					2	5	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	'84	Dr. W. H. Wilmot	Samuel George Lamb, P.	'79	'96	46	79	125	9	4	4	8	0	1	4	5	2	1
Lake View	'98	Mrs. A. Grace Kinnear	Harry E. Merrill, P.	'96	'98	6	10	16	0	1	6	7	0	1	0	1	1	1
Mentone	'92	Fred. King	George Robertson, P.	'83	'92	23	43	66		2	2	4	1	2	0	3	1	3
Moreno	'91	Frank Leavitt	Wm. H. Wolcott, P.	'70	'96	38	44	82	20	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	3
Needles	'92					4	7	11	5	0	0	0	0	7	5	12		
Ontario	'85	Mrs. Julia Herbst	Allen Hastings, P.	'91	'99	42	66	108	10	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	1
Perris	'87	Miss Lizzie Pell				27	49	76	19	3	8	11	0	20	8	28	2	0
Redlands, First	'80	Mrs. Sara E. H. Lockwood	John H. Williams, P. C.	'73	'93	101	192	293	38	6	33	39	2	6	0	8	5	4
" Lugonia Terrace	'90	Rev. A. L. Park	Orange H. Spoor, P.	'61	'90	32	43	75		1	2	3	3		3	6		
Rialto	'90	S. S. Wood	Benjamin F. Hewlett, P.	'87	'98	14	27	41	11	0	2	2	0	1	9	10	0	0
Riverside	'72	George F. Herrick	Edward F. Goff, P.	'75	'96	140	226	366	50	10	11	21	4	11	0	15	4	6
San Bernardino	'67	Miss Maud Winchester	John C. Rollins, P.	'83	'97	47	93	140	10	1	9	10	1	6	0	7	1	3
San Jacinto	'86	Mrs. H K. Smith	Harry E. Merrill, P.	'96	'98	18	34	52	14	0	4	4	0	2	4	6	0	0
Total,	18	16		12		628	1051	1679	216	40	103	143	13	75	52	140	23	22

*Formerly South Riverside.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS			Families	Y. P. S. C. E.	BENEVOLENCE										
Town or City	Organized	Superintendent	M.	Av.			For-eign	Educa-tion	Church Bldg.	Home Miss'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	L'gcy	Home Exp.
Alessandro	'95	Wilbur F. Warner	35	25	20	0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 8	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 8	$ 0	$ 100
Bloomington	'92	W. H. H. Easton	70	44	25	27	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	11	0	342
*Corona	'87	Mrs. Rose Wilkins	132	64	85	34	15	0	18	82	0	9	0	38	162	0	1132
Etiwanda	'93	A. R. Loud	50	40	25	40	2	0	0	9	0	4	2	0	17	0	180
Halleck	'84																
Highland	'84	S. H. Barrett	105	87		62	100	0	3	100	20	6	4	91	324	0	2113
Lake View	'98	Mrs. A. Grace Kinnear	50	20	30	20	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	100
Mentone	'92	Henry Knowles	70	50	47	30	12	2	5	33	0	5	0	30	87	0	577
Moreno	'91	P. N. Brant	82	51	40	25	2	0	0	17	0	0	0	10	29	0	380
Needles	'92									15					15		215
Ontario	'85	Frank H. Harwood	101	60	65	41	158	0	21	164	45	8	25	23	444	0	1315
Perris	'87	Mrs. Emma Whitney	86	68	50	33	6	0	1	19	0	7	0	7	40	0	831
Redlands, First	'80	John P. Fisk	296	150	150	145	770	25	264	300	36	18	67	75	1555	0	3275
Redlands, Lugonia Terrace	'90	S. E. Brock	80	45		29	60	0	15	65	0	0	0	0	140		
Rialto	'90	Miss Louise Oliver	30	21	14	26	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	12	0	175
Riverside	'72	S. C. Evans, Jr.	225	157	150	63	189	83	20	513	31	30	13	157	1036	0	3773
San Bernardino	'67	Miss Emily Johnson	120	78	120	60	25	0	0	30	5	0	0	120	180	0	1850
San Jacinto	'86	Prof. N. C. Twining	62	37	25	25	30	0	0	52	0	10	0	0	92	0	512
Total	S. S. 18		16	1594	997	846	660	1370	110	348	1426	141	98	111	551	4,155	0	16,870

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SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES		CLERKS.	MINISTERS.		MEMBERS				ADMITTED			REMOVED				BAPT.	
Town or City	Organized.	Name.	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe	To.	Ab	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis.	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Alpine	'94	A. Percy Foss	John L. Pearson (Lic.)	'98		17	19	36	8	6	4	10	1	3	1	5	5	5
Ballena	'89					2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Chula Vista	'90	J. P. Hall (P O., Otay)	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, P.....'68	'98		32	39	71	6	0	4	4	0	4	0	4		
Dehesa,	'87	O. B. Avis (P. O., El Cajon)	John L. Pearson,(Lic.)(Alpine)	'98		6	6	12	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
De Luz	'89	Mrs. Scott Carr	Henry M. Daniels, P.....'61	'89		4	4	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Escondido	'86	Mrs Fannie Baldridge	Nicholas T. Edwards, P. ....'83	'97		70	105	175		11	18	29	2	10	0	12	4	0
Flinn Valley (P. O. Lakeside)	'92	Dea. John W. White	John L Pearson,(Lic.)(Alpine)	'98		4	5	9	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0
Jamul	'90	Mrs. D. C. Maxfield	Isaac W.Atherton, P.(Helix)'59	'91		12	11	23	2	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	0
La Mesa	'95	K. B. Finley	T. R. Earl, P (San Diego).....'79	'95		6	10	16							2	2		
Lemon Grove	'94	Frank L. Young	A. C. Dodd, P (Nat'nl. City)'98	'98		6	6	12	1	2	5	7	0	2	8	10	0	0
National City	'81	Dea. J. Loren Mudgett	Arth r C. Dodd, P.....'98	'98		27	48	75	24	5	2	7	2	9	9	20	3	1
Oceanside	'85	Miss Ida M. Sharp				3	10	13		0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	Chas. H. Abernethy, (Lic.).....	'98		18	28	46		0	0	0	1	5	2	8		
Ramona	'98	Mrs. Minnie Warnock	C. H. Abernethy(Lic.)(Poway)	'99		3	8	11	0	2	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego, First	'86	H. R. Fitch	Stephen A. Norton, P. C.....'81	'94		151	258	409	40	16	36	52	5	17	8	30	9	4
" " Second	'88	Miss Mary Dexter	Theophilus R. Earl, P.....'79	'95		14	35	49	12	2	6	8	1	4		5		
Spring Valley (P. O. Helix)	'88	Thomas Hannay	Isaac W. Atherton, P.....'59	'91		17	18	35	8	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	17	16	8			392	616	1008	113	46	87	133	13	63	31	107	21	13
Aggregate, S California,	80	76	58			2567	4363	6930	749	304	617	921	65	468	218	751	115	78

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

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Town or City	Organized	Superintendent	M.	Av.			For-eign	Educa-tion	Ch. Bldg.	Home Miss'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Leg-acy	Home Exp.
Alpine	'94	T. M. Albee	35	22	36	30				16		7			23	0	129
Ballena	'89																
Chula Vista	'90	M. L. Ward	125	60	75	30	24	0	16	65	0	0	0	15	120	0	860
Dehesa	'87	Samuel L. Sloane	36	18	8	0			4			2			6	0	75
De Luz	'89	Rev. Henry M. Daniels	20	16	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	7	0	8
Escondido	'86	W. S. McPherrin	180	90	100	74	27	0	13	40	0	9	0	35	124	0	3621
Flinn Valley (Lakeside)	'92	Dea. John W. White	16	14	4	0	7					3		2	12	0	25
Jamul	'90	Fred C. Nelles M	60	29	24	19	2	0	3	11	0	4	3	0	23	0	150
La Mesa	'95	Hadley Thomas	30	25	30	16	12		5	38					55		270
Lemon Grove	'94	Mrs. M. S. Lester	67	45	20	29	2	0	2	10	0	3	0	2	19	0	215
National City	'81	J. Loren Mudgett	45	27	50	28	36	0	9	40	0	12	3	15	115	0	400
Oceanside	'85																
Poway	'87	Miss Helen Abernethy	70	53	25	35	10	0	0	30	0	5	0	0	45	0	128
Ramona	'98	Richard Smith	25	20	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122
San Diego, First	'86	George W. Marston	360	185	275	131	247	3,000	237	252	95	40	138	2500	6509	0	3300
" " Second	'87	Rev. Theophilus R. Earl	1 0	65	50	21	2		2	16		3			23		321
Spring Valley (P. O. Helix)	'88	Thomas Hannay	31	21	24	16	7	0	9	27	0	4	5	3	55	0	178
Total,	S. S., 16	15	1200	690	741	429	376	3,000	301	545	95	92	154	2573	7,136	0	9,802
Aggregate,	S. S., 78	75	7744	4737	4088	2671	3,425	25,193	975	4,956	555	477	621	4,803	41,005	8,750	77,676

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

FOR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR-BOOK'S LIST OF CHURCHES:
Added—Lakeview, Ramona, and Sherman.
Omitted—Daggett and Encinitas.
Name Changed—South Riverside changed to Corona.

CHURCHES: 5 with pastors installed by council; 60 with pastors otherwise inducted; 3 with acting pastors; 5 with licentiates; 7 vacant. Total, 80. Gain, 1.

MINISTERS: 5 pastors installed by council; 60 pastors otherwise inducted; 3 acting pastors; 42 others. Total, 110. [Last year, total, 102]

LICENTIATES: 4.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 2,567 males; 4,363 females. Total, 6,930, including 749 absent. Gain, 177. [Last year, total, 6,753; gain, 475.]

ADDITIONS: 304 by confession; 617 by letter. Total, 921. Loss, 170. [Last year, total, 1,091; gain, 75.]

REMOVALS: 65 by death; 468 by letter; 218 by discipline. Total, 751. [Last year, total, 615.]

BAPTISMS: 115 adult; 78 infant. [Last year, 216 and 125.]

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: number, 78; members, 7,744; loss, 327. Average attendance, 4,737; loss, 291. [Last year, average, 5,028.]

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: reporting, 59; members, 2,671. [Last year, 61 Societies; 2,692 members.]

FAMILIES: 4,088; gain, 621; (61 churches reporting.) [Last year 58 churches reported 3,467 families.]

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 73 churches reporting [71, last year]; Foreign Missions, $3,425 [last year, $2,906.] Education, $25,193 [$3,743.] Church Building, $975, [$756.] Home Missions, $4,956 [$4,762.] American Missionary Association, $555 [$787.] Sunday-Schools, $477 [$507.] Ministerial Aid, $621 [$162.] Other, $4,803 [$2,043.] Total, $41,005; increase, $25,339. [Last year, total, $15,666; decrease, $504.]

BENEVOLENT LEGACIES: $8,750.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 75 churches reporting, $77,676. Decrease, $3,826. [Last year 72 churches reported $81,502: increase, $1,582.]

LATEST ADDRESSES
OF
CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION, OR SERVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

N. B. If your name be not correctly given in the following list; if the first name be not given in full; if your post-office or date of ordination be wrong; or if your name be not found here, but should be given, write to Rev. James T. Ford, Station A, Los Angeles, Registrar of the General Association.

"W. C." denotes without charge. * Not members of this Association.

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Abbott, Ephraim E. P.	Pastor	Chula Vista	Mar. 30, '68
Anderson, Otto	Pastor	Sierra Madre	Oct. 4, '96
Atherton, Isaac W	Pastor	Helix	Sept. '59
Baldwin, Cyrus G., D. D.,	W. C	Claremont	Jan. 25, '81
Bartlett, Dana W	Pastor	Los Angeles, 510 Vignes St.	July 21, '87
Belt, Salathiel D	Pastor	Paso Robles	June 21, '71
Billings, Charles S	Evangelist	Los Angeles, 25 Loomis St.	Oct. 6, '96
Bissell, Arthur D	Prof. College	Claremont	Mar. 19, '84
Bissell, Frank A	W. C	Berkeley	Mar. 28, '82
Brainerd, Edward R	W. C	Los Angeles	Feb. 21, '84
Bristol, Sherlock	W. C	Ventura	Oct. '43
Brown, J. Fletcher	Pastor	Los Alamitos	May 3, '74
Burr, William N	Pastor	Corona	July 20, '88
Case, Alden B	Missionary	Pomona	May 15, '81
Case, Harlan P	Supt. Cong. S. S. & P. S.	Los Angeles, Box 863	Sept. 25, '71
Cash, Elijah	Pastor	Los Angeles, Station E	May 14, '78
Colcord, Daniel H	Prof. College	Claremont	Sept. 8, '81
Cooper, John H	Pastor	Santa Ana	July 22, '87
Crosswell, Micah S	W. C	Los Angeles, Station D	April 19, '69

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Culver, Franklin J.	W. C.	Pasadena	April 21, '90
Daniels, Henry M.	Pastor	De Luz	June 25, '61
Davis, Charles H.	W. C.	San Bernardino	Dec. 16, '77
Day, Warren F., D. D.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 949 S. Hill St.	May 2, '66
De Kay, George H.	Pastor	Norwalk	June 2, '90
Dodd, Arthur C.	Pastor	National City	Oct. 14, '98
Dorland, Chester P.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 165 N. Workman St.	Nov. 2, '97
Earl, Theophilus R.	Pastor	San Diego, 923 Irving Ave.	June 8, '79
Edwards, Nicholas T.	Pastor	Escondido	June 8, '83
Emerson, Stephen G.	Pastor	Pasadena	Oct. 27, '90
Field, Alden P.	W. C.	Monrovia	May 13, '91
Field, Frederick A.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 1725 Magnolia Ave.	May 19, '80
Forbes, Frank S.	Pastor	Santa Barbara	Aug. 15, '88
Ford, James T.	Supt. C. H. M. S.	Los Angeles, Station A	Nov. 25, '57
Frary, Lucien H.	Pastor	Pomona	Oct. 7, '69
*Fuller, Edgar R.	Pastor	Bakersfield	Apr. 7, '86
Goff, Edward F.	Pastor	Riverside	June 12, '75
Hardy, William P.	Pastor	South Los Angeles	May 4, '93
Harwood, James H., D.D.	W. C.	South Los Angeles	'63
Hastings, Allen	Pastor	Ontario	Jan. 30, '91
Hendry, Thomas	Pastor	Los Angeles, 129 N. Flower St.	Oct. 1, '91
Hewlett, Benjamin F.	Pastor	Bloomington	Mar. 27, '87
Hildreth, Edward	W. C.	Los Angeles, 357 S. Hope St.	Dec. 30, '62
Hill, Dexter D.	W. C.	Downey	June 1, '69
Houlding, Horace W.	Missionary	Tien-tsin, China.	
Hunt, Theodore C.	W. C.	Chicago	Sept. 17, '80
Jenkins, D. Lloyd	W. C.	Los Angeles, 936 Pasadena Ave.	July 1, '68
Johnson, Alfred K., D D.	Pastor	Rosedale	Sept. 20, '63
Jones, Harvey	W. C.	Pasadena	April, '55
Jones, Henry W.	W. C.	Claremont	May 24, '66
Kellogg, Sylvanus H.	W. C.	Los Angeles, 1010 E. 9th St.	Nov. 10, '57
Kendall, Sidney C.	Pastor	Long Beach	June 3, '83
Kimball, George P.	W. C.	Pasadena	May 25, '51

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Lamb, Samuel G.	Pastor	Highland	Oct. 5, '79
Lamb, William A.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 1929 Ocean View Ave.	Apr. 14, '74
Lathe, Herbert W.	Pastor	Pasadena, 380 Elevado Drive	Sept. 27, '77
Longfellow, Charles H	Pastor	La Canyada	Dec. 15, '96
Madge, Walter W.	W. C	Oakland	May 29, '81
McDougal, William H.	W. C		Sept. 11, '84
*Morgan, David W.	Pastor	Buena Park	'85
Morris, George	W. C	Alameda	Oct. 18, '60
Norton, Edwin C.	Prof. College,	Claremont	May 1, '84
Norton, Stephen A., D. D.	Pastor	San Diego	Oct. 6, '81
Park, Austin L.	W. C	Redlands	Feb. 2, '64
Parker, John D.	W. C	Wash'gt'n, D.C.	Oct. 16, '65
Pearse, Franklin F.	Pastor	Nordhoff	June 20, '83
Phillips, John W.	Pastor	Oakland	Oct. 11, '92
Pratt, Richard	Pastor	Saticoy	June 27, '64
Price, Francis M.	Missionary	San Francisco, Y. M. C. A. Building	July 1, '83
Rawson, George A.	W. C	S. Los Angeles,	Apr. 30, '60
Rice, Othello V	W. C	Los Angeles, 1110 Santee St.	Nov. 1, '77
Robertson, George	Pastor	Mentone	July 18, '83
Rollins, John C.	Pastor	San Bernardino,	June 27, '83
Rowell, Nathan L., D.D.,	Pastor	Los Angeles, Station G	June 12, '64
Schaefle, John M.	Pastor	Los Angeles, Pico Heights	May 17, '87
Schwarzauer, Charles M.	W. C	Linda Vista	Nov. 18, '78
Shield, Frederic	W. C	Pasadena	June 3, '83
*Smith, Howard N.	Pastor	San Luis Obispo,	June 6, '89
Smith, John E.	W. C	Fremontville.	Jan. 3, '77
*Snell, Charles Y.	Pastor	Redondo	Nov. 24, '71
Snell, William W.	W. C	West Saticoy	Oct. 16, '59
Spoor, Orange H.	W. C	Redlands.	Nov. '61
Staats, Henry T.	Pastor	Pasadena, 425 Raymond Ave.	Feb. 1, '60
Starkey, Daniel C.	W. C	Long Beach	Sept. '65
Sumner, Charles B.	Prof. College	Claremont	Jan. 2, '68
Tade, Ewing O.	Pastor	Avalon	Sept. 4, '61
Thompson, Alexander W.	Pastor	Etiwanda	Oct. 20, '80
Tracy, Alfred E.	W. C	Ontario	Sept. 4, '72

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Tuthill, Edward B	W. C	Corona	Jan. '60
Vaile, Charles S	W. C	Claremont	Mar. 9, '82
Weage, Arthur D	Pastor	Villa Park	Dec 9, '96
Wheeler, Sheldon H	Pastor	Compton	Dec. 16, '75
White, Austin B	W. C	Los Angeles, 2547 W. 12th St.	June 28, '61
*Wild, Joseph, D. D	Pastor	Los Angeles, 423½ S. Spring St.	Aug. 16, '54
Willett, George	Pastor	Whittier	May 23, '78
Williams, John H., D. D	Pastor	Redlands	Sept. 3, '73
Wolcott, William H	Pastor	Moreno	May 11, '70

LICENTIATES.

Abernethy, Charles H	Poway
Binder, George J	El Dorado Canyon, Nevada
Irvine, Javan B., Jr	813 Lake St., Los Angeles
Pearson, John L	Alpine

General Congregational Association

....of....

Southern California

Thirteenth Annual Meeting

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First Congregational Church

Pasadena

October 9th-11th, 1899

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...OF THE...

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Southern California

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General Association of Southern California

1899

MODERATOR:
REV. NICHOLAS T. EDWARDS.
Escondido.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:
REV. I. W. ATHERTON,
Helix.

REGISTRAR AND TREASURER:
REV. JAMES T. FORD,
Los Angeles.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY:
REV. W. A. LAMB,
Los Angeles.

SCRIBE:
REV. GEO. H. DEKAY,
Norwalk.

NEXT MEETING:

Time—October 9, 1900. *Place*—Yet to ~~be determined~~.
Preacher—Rev. W. F. Day; Alternate, Rev. J. H. Cooper.
To Report the Work of the Churches—Rev. Geo. Robertson.

DIRECTORS OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

REV. HENRY W. JONES, REV. ELIJAH CASH,
REV. HARVEY JONES, DEA. H. E. STORRS,
DR. J. E. JANES.

REGISTRARS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS:

Los Angeles Association—Rev. John M. Schaefle, Pico Heights, Los Angeles.

San Bernardino Association—Rev. George Robertson, Mentone.

San Diego Association—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

On Home Missions—For one year: Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Dea. Nathan W. Blanchard, Rev. Herbert W. Lathe. For two years: Rev. William N. Burr, S. H. Herrick, A. K. Nash. For three years: Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. Thos. Hendry, Rev. J. H. Williams.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. W. F. Day, Mrs. E. M. Pease, Mrs. George W. Marston, Rev. N. T. Edwards, Rev. W. P. Hardy.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. S. G. Emerson, Dea. S. H. Barrett, C. H. Abernethy.

On Education—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. D. W. Bartlett, Rev. W. F. Day.

On Temperance—Rev. Chester P. Dorland, Prof. E. C. Norton, Dr. J. E. Janes.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—Pastor of Entertaining Church, Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. Geo. Robertson, Rev. John M. Schaefle.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. F. J. Culver, Rev. W. A. Lamb.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. Stephen A. Norton, Rev. N. L. Rowell, Rev. Allen Hastings.

On Sabbath Observance—Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. C. Y. Snell, Rev. S. D. Belt.

On Federation of Benevolences—Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Rev. Stephen A. Norton, Rev. Allen Hastings.

On Pacific Coast Conference, A. D. 1900—Rev. Stephen A. Norton, Rev. Cyrus G. Baldwin, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Edward F. Goff, Rev. Franklin J. Culver.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—For three years: Pres. F. L. Ferguson, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Rev. F. A. Field, John P. Fisk, Jr., Rev. J. M. Schaefle. For two years: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. C. B. Sumner, Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. D. D. Hill. For one year: Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. J. H. Harwood, Prof. E. C. Norton, Prof. H. E. Storrs, Rev. C. S. Vaile.

Delegates to the General Association of California—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. J. M. Schaefle, Rev. H. W. Jones.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This body shall be called The General Congregational Association of Southern California.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and co-operation in Christian work among the Congregational Churches in that part of California south of the north line of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, and with other Christian bodies.

It shall in no circumstances exercise ecclesiastical authority, whether legislative or judicial, over the churches.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall consist of the ministers and churches in connection with the several local Associations of Congregational churches within its limits.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

Each church shall be entitled to representation by two delegates.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

The Association shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe; also triennially, a Registrar, who shall be Treasurer, and a Statistical Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

This Association adopts the Declaration of Faith made by the National Council of Congregational Churches held in Boston in June, 1865.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This Association shall meet annually on the second Tuesday in October, or at the call of its Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds, at a regular meeting, and after due notice of the proposed alteration or amendment at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Organization.

At the annual meeting the Registrar shall call the Association to order. He shall receive the credentials and make up the roll of members. A Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a Scribe shall then be elected.

2. Order of Business.

The Association shall be opened by the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Appointment of Committees for the current session, viz: Committee on Nominations, Committee on Business and Resolutions.

Reports —From delegates to other bodies. From delegates to this body. From the Treasurer. From Committees.

Election of Registrar, Statistical Secretary, and of Preacher and substitute for the next meeting, by ballot.

Appointment of Permanent Committees, viz: On Home Missions; on Foreign Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Education; on Temperance; on Arrangements for the Next Meeting; on Publication; on Interdenominational Comity; on Lord's Day Observance. General and Miscellaneous Business.

3. Committees.

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committees to fulfill in their several departments the work of the Association throughout the year for which they are appointed, collecting and diffusing information, giving impetus and direction to the work, and reporting at the annual meeting facts gathered, work done, results realized, also needs unsupplied and plans for future work.

It shall be the duty of the Registrar to notify the Chairman of every permanent Committee of his appointment, and to report to him the names of the members of his Committee; and it shall be the duty of each Chairman to call a meeting of his Committee before the adjournment of the Association, and to secure, if possible, the participation of all its members in the Committee's work.

The Committee on Home Missions shall consist of nine members, to be so elected that the term of office of three members shall expire each year.

It shall be one part of the duty of the Business Committee to audit the report of the Treasurer.

The appointment of delegates to represent this Association in meetings of corresponding bodies when not made directly by the Association shall devolve on the Committee on Comity, a part of whose duty shall be to inform itself as to the time and place of such meetings, and to take care that our fraternal greetings be conveyed to these bodies by suitable representatives.

Vacancies occurring in any Permanent Committee during the interim of the meetings of this Association may be filled by the remaining members of that Committee.

4. Annual Dues.

Annual dues shall be paid to this Association by the churches belonging to it, at the rate of five cents per member on their membership as numbered in the Year-Book of the same year, and it shall be the duty of the churches to send these dues by their delegates to each annual meeting of the Association.

5. The Lord's Supper.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each annual meeting of the Association, and with it an offering shall be made for the Congregational Ministers' Relief Association.

6. Amendments.

The By-Laws may be suspended at any time by a unanimous vote, or altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AT BOSTON, JUNE, 1865, AND BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MAY 3, 1887.

Standing by the rock where the Pilgrims set foot upon these shores, upon the spot where they worshiped God, and among the graves of the early generations, we, Elders and Messengers of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in National Council assembled—like them acknowledging no rule of faith but the Word of God—do now declare our adherence to the faith and order of the Apostolic and primitive churches held by our fathers, and substantially as embodied in the Confessions and Platforms which our Synods of 1648 and 1680 set forth or reaffirmed. We declare that the experience of the nearly two and a half centuries which have elapsed since the memorable day when our sires founded here a Christian commonwealth, with all the development of new forms of error since their times, has only deepened our confidence in the faith and polity of those fathers. We bless God for the inheritance of these doctrines. We invoke the help of the Divine Redeemer, that, through the presence of the promised Comforter, He will enable us to transmit them in purity to our children.

In the times that are before us as a Nation, times at once of duty and of danger, we rest all our hope in the Gospel of the Son of God. It was the grand peculiarity of our Puritan fathers that they held this Gospel, not merely as the ground of their personal salvation, but as declaring the worth of man by the incarnation and sacrifice of the Son of God; and therefore applied its principles to elevate society, to regulate education, to civilize humanity, to purify law, to reform the Church and the State, and to assert and defend liberty; in short, to mould and redeem, by its all-transforming energy, everything that belongs to man in his individual and social relations.

It was the faith of our fathers that gave us this free land in which we dwell. It is by this faith only that we can transmit to our children a free and happy, because a Christian, commonwealth.

We hold it to be a distinctive excellence of our Congregational system that it exalts that which is more above that which is less important; and by the simplicity of its organization facilitates, in communities where the population is limited, the union of all true believers in one Christian church; and that the divi-

sion of such communities into several weak and jealous societies, holding the same common faith, is a sin against the unity of the body of Christ and at once the shame and scandal of Christendom.

We rejoice that, through the influence of our free system of Apostolic order, we can hold fellowship with all who acknowledge Christ, and act efficiently in the work of restoring unity to the divided Church, and of bringing back harmony and peace among all "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Thus recognizing the unity of the Church of Christ in all the world, and knowing that we are but one branch of Christ's people, while adhering to our peculiar faith and order, we extend to all believers the hand of Christian fellowship, upon the basis of those great fundamental truths in which all Christians should agree. With them we confess our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the only living and true God; in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, who is exalted to be our Redeemer and King; and in the Holy Comforter, who is present in the Church to regenerate and sanctify the soul.

With the whole Church we confess the common sinfulness and ruin of our race, and acknowledge that it is only through the work accomplished by the life and expiatory death of Christ that believers in Him are justified before God, receive the remission of sins, and, through the presence and grace of the Holy Comforter, are delivered from the power of sin and perfected in holiness.

We believe, also, in the organized and visible Church, in the ministry of the Word, in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, in the resurrection of the body, and in the final judgment, the issues of which are eternal life and everlasting punishment.

We receive these truths on the testimony of God, given through prophets and Apostles, and in the life, the miracles, the death and the resurrection of His Son, our Divine Redeemer -a testimony preserved for the Church in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which were composed by holy men as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Affirming now our belief that those who thus hold "one faith, one Lord, one baptism," together constitute the one catholic Church, the several households of which, though called by different names, are the one body of Christ; and that these members of His body are sacredly bound to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," we declare that we will co-operate with all who hold these truths. With them we will carry the Gospel into every part of this land, and with them we will go into all the world and "preach the Gospel to every creature." May He to whom "all power is given in heaven and earth" fulfill the promise which is all our hope, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Amen.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

1899.

MINUTES.

The General Congregational Association of Southern California met with the First Congregational Church of Pasadena, Monday, October 9th, at 2 P. M.

The first forty-five minutes were devoted to prayer for the baptism of the spirit—Leader, Rev. N. L. Rowell.

At the close of this service, the Registrar read the roll of ministerial members present; also, of delegates from the churches. The roll when completed was as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

Edward E. P. Abbott,
Isaac W. Atherton,
Cyrus G. Baldwin,
Dana W. Bartlett,
Salathiel D. Belt,
Charles S. Billings,
Sherlock Bristol,
J. Fletcher Brown,
Alden B. Case,
Harlan P. Case,
Elijah Cash,
John H. Cooper,
Franklin J. Culver,
Chas. H. Davis,
Warren F. Day,
George H. DeKay,
Arthur C. Dodd,
Chester P. Dorland,
Nicholas T. Edwards,
Stephen G. Emerson,
Frederic A. Field,
Frank S. Forbes,
James T. Ford,
Lucien H. Frary,
Edward F. Goff,
John D. Habbick,
William P. Hardy,
Allen Hastings,
Thomas Hendry,
Benjamin F. Hewlett,
D. Lloyd Jenkins,
Harvey Jones,
Henry W. Jones,
Sidney C. Kendall,

Samuel G. Lamb,
William A. Lamb,
Herbert W. Lathe,
Charles H. Longfellow,
Harry E. Merrill,
David W. Morgan,
Edwin C. Norton,
Stephen A. Norton,
George A. Rawson,
Othello V. Rice,
George Robertson,
Nathan L. Rowell,
John M. Schaefle,
Frederic Shield,
Charles Y. Snell,
Orange H. Spoor,
Henry T. Staats,
Charles B. Sumner,
Ewing O. Tade,
Alexander W. Thompson,
Alfred P. Tracy,
Charles S. Vaile,
Charles K. Westfall,
Sheldon H. Wheeler,
Austin B. White,
John H. Williams,
Wm. H. Wolcott.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION.

Buena Park	Mrs. R. R. Morgan, Dea. A. C. Mann.
Claremont	Mrs. E. C. Norton, Prof. A. J. Cook.
Eagle Rock	J. H. Vickers, W. H. Dickey.
La Cañada	Mrs. C. D. Barnum, Miss Stella Blain.
Long Beach	J. J. Kanagy.
Los Angeles, First	J. W. Eddy, Mrs. H. W. Mills.
" Park	Mrs. S. H. Manny. Miss E. Sutherland.
" Third	Mrs. Catharine Ivans, Mrs. Nancy Brigham,
" Vernon	Dea. Jas. Gillespie, R. B. Vanderberg.
" East	Mrs. E. J. Hall, Jacob Gruber.
" Pico Heights	Miss Hattie Knox, H. W. Klusmann.
" Plymouth	Rev. Joseph Wild, Frederic J. Gillett.
" West End	Mrs. S. D. Wallace, Mrs. James Travis.

Los Angeles, Olivet	Mrs. F. Harratt, Mrs. F. J. Watson.
" Swedish	Rev. E. M. Carlson.
" Bethlehem	O. D. Conrey, Mrs. A. I. Bradley.
" Central Ave	W. N. Best, Mrs. N. L. Rowell.
Monrovia	Mrs. J. H. Gurman, Mrs. M. L. Taylor.
Norwalk	E. P. Truitt, Mrs. Margaret Randall
Pasadena, First	L. H. Whitehead, Mrs. H. J. Norton.
" North.	Dr. H. M. Field, Dea. T. T. Hayward.
" Lake Ave	Wm. Waterhouse, Miss Annie Longfellow.
Pomona	F. B. King, P. J. Tarr.
Poso	Sidney W. Root.
Rosedale	Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Mrs. L. E. Hereford.
Santa Ana	Miss Mary Cotter.
Sherman	Mrs. Ida McGraw, Mrs. Emma Cash.
Sierra Madre	M. W. Copps, Mrs. A. E. Copps,
Ventura	N. W. Blanchard, Miss Emma Cook.
Villa Park	G. F. Lathrop, Henry Snyder.
Whittier	Mrs. John J. Beede, Mrs. L. L. Buttmann.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION.

Bloomington	Rev. W. J. Speers, Mrs. W. G. Barrows.
Corona	W. T. Perry, M. D.
Etiwanda	Mrs. A. W. Thompson.
Highland	Dea. J. W. Hartzell.
Lakeview	Mrs. Phebe B. Parker.
Ontario	Hon. Chas. E. Harwood, Mrs. Chas. E. Harwood.
Perris	C. Vermason.
Redlands	Dr. E. Bedford, Rev. O. H. Spoor.

Rialto	Rev. W. L. Noyes.
Riverside	J. P. Baumgartner, Mrs. J. P. Baumgartner.
San Bernardino	Rev. C. H. Davis.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION.

Chula Vista	Mrs. Caroline H. Abbott, B. E. Mitchell.
Escondido	Dea. H. M. Harwood, Miss Agnes Forgie.
Jamul	D. C. Maxfield.
Lemon Grove	Mrs. S. Lester.
Poway	C. H. Abernethy.
Ramona	J. H. Ferry, Mrs. J. H. Ferry.
San Diego, First	Geo. P. Hall, A. T. Richardson.

DELEGATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

Rev. Chas. S. Nash.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. C. W. Merrill, Pastor at Whittier.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, Tougaloo, Miss.

Rev. W. H. Robinson, Rev. Alice M. Robinson, } Pastors at Rosedale, Poso and Hamlin.

Rev. F. L. Ferguson, Pres. Pomona College.

Rev. F. D. Bovard, Representing League for Relief from Taxation of Churches.

Rev. M. H. Plumb, Pastor Olivet Church, Los Angeles.

Rev. C. W. Williams, late Pastor Capitol Hill Church, Denver.

Rev. M. D. Reid, Pastor at Villa Park.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN:

Moderator, Rev. Nicholas T. Edwards.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. I. W. Atherton.

Scribe, Rev. Geo. H. DeKay.

Assistant Scribe, C. H. Abernethy.

The Committee of Arrangements reported by Rev. H. W. Lathe, Chairman, presenting a programme which was adopted,

subject to change as might seem desirable during the progress of the meeting.

The report of the Registrar and Treasurer was read and referred to the Business Committee. (See Appendix A.)

Rev. S. A. Norton, Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of California, (Presbyterian,) reported his cordial reception by that body.

The Moderator appointed Committees for the session as follows:

On Business: Rev. H. W. Lathe, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. W. H. Wolcott.

On Nominations: Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. T. Hendry, Rev. J. M. Schaefle.

On Resolutions: Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. A. C. Dodd, Rev. W. W. Lovejoy.

Rev. H. W. Lathe, Pastor of the Pasadena Church, and Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, made an address of welcome, and stated with amplification the general topic for the meeting: "Winning Souls to Christ."

Rev. S. D. Belt, addressed the Association on "Soul Winning —What Hinders?" Discussion followed, participated in by Revs. Hendry, Wild, Day, Bristol, and others.

MONDAY EVENING.

After devotional services, came the sermon of the occasion, preached by Rev. F. S. Forbes, from the parable of the leaven—Matt. 13: 33. Then followed the Communion Service, at which Revs. I. W. Atherton and W. A. Lamb presided, assisted by Deacons N. W. Blanchard, of Ventura; C. H. Davis, of San Bernardino; Wm. Waterhouse, of Lake Avenue Church, Pasadena; E. P. Truitt, of Norwalk; W. T. Clapp and John Ross of the entertaining church. A collection of $20.33 was taken for the Ministers' Relief Association.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 10TH.

The session began at nine o'clock with a "Half Hour of Prayer" led by Rev. A. B. Case.

Prof. C. S. Nash brought greetings from the General Association of California, and Rev. F. S. Forbes, delegate to the International Council, made report of that gathering.

The Special Committee on Divorce Reform reported through Rev. C. P. Dorland, Chairman, presenting statistics of divorce in Southern California. (See Appendix B.)

Rev. D. W. Bartlett spoke on "Soul Winning in Temperance Work," and was followed by Mr. O. D. Conrey, with personal testimony of salvation from intemperance.

At the suggestion of Rev. S. Bristol, there followed a season of prayer for temperance work, especially that of Bethlehem Church.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. E. F. Goff, was adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, That this Association has heard with great satisfaction something of the rescue and saving work that Bethlehem Institutional Church is doing, and cordially commends it not only to the churches of this Association, but also to all the Christian churches and people of Southern California.

Supt. H. P. Case made report concerning Sunday School work in Southern California. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on Nominations made partial report, which was afterwards completed, as follows:

For Committee on Home Missions: For one year—Rev. Lucien H. Frary, Dea. Nathan W. Blanchard, Rev. Herbert W. Lathe. For two years—Rev. Wm. N. Burr, S. H. Herrick, A. K. Nash. For three years—Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. Thomas Hendry, Rev. J. H. Williams.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Warren F. Day, Rev. N. T. Edwards, Rev. Wm. P. Hardy, Mrs. E. M. Pease, Mrs. Geo. W. Marston.

On Sunday Schools- Rev. S. G. Emerson, Dea. S. H. Barrett, C. H. Abernethy.

On Education—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. D. W. Bartlett, Rev. W. F. Day.

On Temperance—Rev. C. P. Dorland, Prof. E. C. Norton, Dr. J. E. Janes.

On Publication—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. F. J. Culver, Rev. W. A. Lamb.

On Interdenominational Comity—Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. N. L. Rowell, Rev. Allen Hastings.

On Sabbath Observance—Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. C. Y. Snell, Rev. S. D. Belt.

On Federation of Benevolent Societies—Rev. L. H. Frary, Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. Allen Hastings.

On Pacific Coast Conference, A. D. 1900—Rev. S. A. Norton, Rev. C. G. Baldwin, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. E. F. Goff, Rev. F. J. Culver.

On Arrangements for the Next Meeting—The Pastor of the Church with which the meeting is to be held, the Registrar of the General Association, and the Registrars of the three District Associations.

For Directors of Ministerial Relief Association—Rev. H. W. Jones, Dr. J. E. Janes, Rev. Elijah Cash, Rev. Harvey Jones, Prof. H. E. Storrs.

For Members of the Pacific Coast Educational Alliance—The same as last year, except that the members for three years become members for two years, those for two years become members for one year, and those for one year are re-appointed for three years.

As Preacher for Next Meeting—Rev. W. F. Day; Alternate, Rev. J. H. Cooper.

To Report on the State and Work of the Churches—Rev. Geo. Robertson.

As Delegates to the General Association of California—Rev. J. T. Ford, Rev. J. M. Schaefle, Rev. H. W. Jones.

Rev. S. D. Belt made an earnest plea for financial aid in erecting a church building at Paso Robles, which resulted in payments and pledges to the amount of $229.81.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

It was voted, on recommendation of the Business Committee, that the two following recommendations of the Business Committee of our last meeting be added, when suitably modified for the purpose, to the By-Laws of the Association:

"*Recommended*, That the Business Committee appointed each year by the Association be also a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer."

"*Recommended*, That the appointment of delegates to represent the Association in gatherings of sister denominations, when it is not done directly by the Association, devolve upon the Committee on Comity, a part of whose duty shall be to inform itself regarding the time and place of such gatherings and to appoint thereto suitable representatives from this body."

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Rev. F. D. Bovard, representing a movement for the relief of church buildings from taxation, and to report later to this body.

The Moderator appointed as such Committee Rev. J. H. Williams, Rev. Joseph Wild, Rev. Thomas Hendry, Rev. W. F. Day, Hon. J. W. Eddy, Rev. N. T. Edwards, Mr. J. P. Baumgartner.

Later in the meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of California, at its thirty-third session, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, proposes to the people of the State of California the following amendment to the Constitution of the State:

SECTION 1½.—All buildings used exclusively as churches and chapels, and so much of the real property on which they are situated as may be required for the convenient use and occupation of said buildings (provided that no building so used which may be rented for religious purposes, and rent received by the owners therefor, shall be exempt from taxation) shall be free from taxation.

And Whereas, There is being organized a united effort among all the denominations to bring this measure fairly before the Christian people of the State, therefore

Resolved, That this Association will do all it can to secure an intelligent expression of opinion on this important measure.

Resolved, That our Advisory Committee be authorized to co-operate as far as practicable with like Committees from the other denominations.

Rev. O. V. Rice presented the claims of the Children's Home Society.

Concerning this work the Association adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the pleasure of this Association to recognize the Children's Home Society of California as a Christian charity, doing a needed and fruitful work in placing homeless children in selected Christian families, and cheerfully commend it to the sympathy and aid of all who are interested in saving the needy children.

Rev. C. G. Baldwin spoke in behalf of the Spanish Missionary Society.

Rev. L. H. Frary reported for the Committee on the Federation of Benevolent Societies, showing especially prompt and encouraging response from appointees of the committee and churches of the Los Angeles Association to the proposed plan, but less satisfactory response from the other Associations.

Voted, To continue the Committee, with Rev. L. H. Frary as Chairman, substituting for the San Bernardino Association Rev. Allen Hastings in place of Rev. S. G. Emerson, who has removed from that Association.

Mrs. J. H. Williams made report for the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific, Southern branch, (See Appendix D,) and was followed by Dr. and Mrs. Peck, of Pang Chuang, China, giving interesting accounts of their work.

The Association next considered the interests of Pomona College. Rev. E. F. Goff reported for the Committee on Education. (See Appendix E.)

President F. L. Ferguson addressed the Association on the "Mission of the Christian College."

Prof. A. J. Cook followed with earnest words concerning Pomona College – its object and attainments, and urged pastors and parents to give it their support and sympathy.

Rev. G. W. White, ex-President of the University of Southern California, made a plea for the consideration of a proposition to consolidate the Christian colleges of Southern California.

Voted, To request a copy of the paper of President Ferguson for publication in "The Pacific."

TUESDAY EVENING.

After introductory devotional services, Mrs. W. F. Day, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, made report of the work of that society. (See Appendix F.)

Rev. J. T. Ford made his final report for the Home Missionary Committee, in which he reviewed briefly the history of our home missions, and the progress of Congregationalism in Southern California during the sixteen years of his oversight of Home Mission work. (See Appendix G.)

Rev. J. L. Maile, Home Missionary Superintendent, addressed the Association on the "Origin and Motives of Home Mission Work."

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11TH, 9 A. M.

The minutes of the two preceding days were read by the Scribe, and approved.

The roll of delegates was read by the Registrar for final correction.

Rev. James T. Ford was elected Registrar and Treasurer for three years.

Rev. Wm. A. Lamb was elected Statistical Secretary for three years.

At 9:40, the Association voted a recess that the Ministers' Relief Association might hold its annual meeting.

At 10 o'clock, the Association resumed its session with a "Half Hour of Prayer," led by Rev. S. Bristol.

Rev. J. H. Cooper made report for the Committee on Sabbath Observance, presenting at the close the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and later adopted by the Association. (See Appendix H.)

Resolved, That our General Association set apart one day in each year, to be called "Sabbath Observance Sunday," on which each pastor is requested to present this subject, with the object of developing a better conscience on the Sabbath question.

Resolved, That we seek to discountenance in every proper way the Sunday newspaper, and the Sunday railroad traffic, with its excursions and picnics.

Resolved, That we seek the co-operation of other Christian denominations in continued effort for a Christian Sabbath law in California.

Voted, To request the Committee on Sabbath Observance to prepare its report for publication in "The Pacific."

Rev. C. Y. Snell addressed the Association on "Preaching to Win Souls." He was followed by Rev. C. S. Billings, who gave personal testimony as to soul-winning work. Prof. C. S. Nash was called for, and he also addressed the Association on the same subject.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that Mr. Brigham H. Roberts, Representative-elect to Congress from the State of Utah, a confessed polygamist, be expelled from the House, and that we petition our representatives in Congress and our State Senator to use their utmost efforts to secure this result.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representative and State Senator.

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the Anti-Saloon League, as presenting practicable measures for the suppression of the saloon, and in view of the degree of success it has already attained, we recommend our churches to heartily co-operate with it in this work.

Resolved, That we recognize with gratitude and thanksgiving the long, faithful and successful service of Rev. James T. Ford as our Home Missionary Superintendent; and, though his official relation as superintendent has now terminated, we wish for him, and also for Mrs. Ford, many years of usefulness and happiness.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the railroads for the courtesy of reduced rates to those attending the Association, and also to the Pasadena and Los Angeles press for their excellent reports of the meetings.

Resolved, That this thirteenth annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Southern California, does thoroughly and heartily appreciate the entertainment so graciously provided for us by the Pasadena church; that we rejoice in the fellowship of our brethren of Pasadena, in that brotherly love which has taken us into the lovely homes and warm hearts of this kind people. We desire to express our thanks to the pastor, Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, for all the thought which has made this Association one to be remembered with gratitude. We desire especially to thank the ladies for their effort put forth so successfully to meet all our needs, and the choir of this church for their inspiring music. We want to thank with these all who have contributed to the enjoyment of this blessed occasion.

Rev. Warren F. Day spoke briefly in behalf of Pomona College, setting forth the financial situation and needs, the necessary reduction in the salaries of professors, in order to keep within the income of the College.

Rev. E. F. Goff followed to the same effect, taking us, as he said, into the confidence of the trustees of the College, and expressing their belief that the churches would not fail to meet this exigency.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved, and the Scribe was instructed to finish the minutes of the meeting, subject to the approval of the Registrar.

Prof. C. S. Nash, of Pacific Theological Seminary, spoke by invitation in behalf of that institution.

Rev. N. T. Edwards reported the state and work of the churches. (See Appendix I.)

Voted, That the report be adopted and printed in the minutes.

Voted. That Rev. S. C. Kendall be commissioned to convey to Rev. Chas. Pease, at Long Beach, an assurance of our sympathy aud prayers in view of his illness.

The closing paper was by Rev. S. G. Emerson; subject, "The Church at Work to Win Souls."

In the "Free Conference" that followed, on "Home Again to Win Souls," Bros. Hastings, Atherton, Day, Cash, Seward, Bartlett, DeKay, Billings, Wild, A. T. Richardson and Goff participated.

The closing ten minutes were occupied by prayers of consecration, led by Bros. Lathe, Edwards, Cooper, Jenkins and Billings, and the singing of the hymn, "Go, labor on; spend and be spent."

The Association adjourned with the apostolic benediction, pronounced by Rev. Jas. T. Ford.

GEO. H. DEKAY, SCRIBE.

JAS. T. FORD, REGISTRAR

APPENDIX.

A

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The General Congregational Association of Southern California,
In account with Jas. T. Ford, Treasurer.

1898	Cr.	
Oct. 11.	By Balance in Treasury.....	$145.56
Oct. 11.	By dues from Alpine, $1.55; Chula Vista, $3.05; Corona, $6.75; De Luz, $.40; Highland, $6.10; Jamul, $1.10; La Mesa, $1.80; Plymouth, Los Angeles, $4.10; Olivet, Los Angeles, $2.25; Mentone, $3.25; National City, $5.00; Norwalk, $2.30; Pasadena, 1st, $15.85; Pomona, $19.35; Poway, $2.70; Redlands, $13.10; San Diego, 1st, $38.00; San Diego, 2nd, $2.30; San Jacinto, $2.45; San Luis Obispo, $1.65; Santa Ana, $5.00; Sierra Madre, $4.65; Spring Valley, $1.65; Ventura, $6.55; Monrovia, $1.00; East Los Angeles, $7.60; Rialto, $5.30; Bloomington, $1.55; La Cañada, $1.05; Paso Robles, $1.90; San Miguel, $1.65; Swedish, Los Angeles, $3.50; Claremont, $7.25; Perris, $4.65; Villa Park, $2.10; Los Angeles, 1st, $33.75; Eagle Rock, $.90; Ontario, $10.60.	
1899		
Jan. 24.	By dues from Bethlehem, Los Angeles, $4.05; Pasadena, North, $5.25; Santa Barbara, $11.65; Vernon, Los Angeles, $4.25.	
May 10.	By dues from Dehesa, $.70; Flinn Valley, $.60; Lemon Grove, $1.85; Bloomington, $.90; Etiwanda, $1.05; Buena Park, $2.00; Compton, $3.45; Los Angeles, 3d, $4.05; Bethlehem, Los Angeles, $2.05; Central Ave., Los Angeles, $3.20; Whittier, $6.55; Los Angeles, Park, $7.35; Bakersfield, $1.75; West End, Los Angeles, $4.45.	298.85
		$444.41

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1898			
Oct. 15.	To expense for postal card blanks for statement of dues	$3.25	
Oct. 22.	To expense for preparing receipt book,	1.25	
Dec. 21.	" " " collecting reports for annual meeting	2.50	
Dec. 24.	To expense for copying minutes for printer	2.00	
1899			
Feb. 16.	To expense for preparing copy and proof reading	8.00	
Feb. 11.	To expense for postage of minutes	9.83	
Feb. 17.	" " " expressage of minutes	7.66	
"	" " " city delivery of minutes,	1.00	
"	" " " printing and wrapping minutes	124.18	
Feb. 21.	To expense for collecting statistics for years '97 and '98.	4.65	
April 18.	To paid dues to National Council	168.82	
Sept. 5.	To expense for printing inquiries for the reports.	3.00	
Sept. 25.	To expense for printing programs for Association	5.00	
Oct. 2.	To expense for receipt book prepared	1.25	
	Postage at sundry times	3.25	
			$345.64
	Balance transferred to new account,		98.77
			$444.41

Found correct.

HERBERT W. LATHE,
E. E. P. ABBOTT, } Business Committee.

B

REPORT OF

THE COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE REFORM.

Your Committee on Divorce Reform, appointed at the last annual meeting, submits the following report:

The work assigned to your Committee was to gather statistics on the subject of divorce in Southern California, and to make such recommendations as they should see fit.

The following figures are gathered from the County records of Los Angeles County:

Marriages in 1867,	132; in 1886,	586; in 1898,	1380.
Divorces " "	7, " "	62, " "	396.
Ratio of divorce to marriage	1 to 19 " "	1 to 9 " "	2 to 7.

Of the 396 divorces granted in 1898, 107 were granted to the husband and 289 to the wife.

During the first ninety days of 1899 there were 115 divorce cases filed in Los Angeles County, or about one and one-third cases per day.

The grounds for divorce in California are as follows: Adultery, extreme cruelty, wilful desertion, wilful neglect, habitual intemperance, conviction of felony.

The record of Southern California is no worse than that of other parts of the State, or of many Eastern States. This subject is one of national importance, and one of the greatest needs is uniform State legislation.

The church is vitally interested, for whatever strikes at the stability of the home—destroying its integrity, its moral and religious life—strikes a heavy blow at the church. Every minister should take a firm stand and have uncompromising convictions on this subject, and should instruct his people from the pulpit, and then when called upon to perform a marriage ceremony for divorced persons should practice what he teaches.

Every minister should refuse to marry a divorced person unless he or she is the innocent party to a divorce on the ground of adultery as taught in Matt. 5: 31, 32; 19: 3-10; Mark 10: 2-12;

Luke 16: 18. This position has recently been recommended by several associations of our own denomination, as well as by others.

This subject is demanding the attention of social reformers and is calling loudly to the church for consideration and action.

The American Bar Association on Uniform Legislation, and many state bar associations, have taken steps toward remedying the evils of our divorce laws. The National League for the Protection of the Family is a permanent organization and held its last meeting in Boston in January last.

The League, in conjunction with state bar associations, has already effected legislation upon the subject of marriage and divorce in 32 States and 1 Territory. Each State regulates the subject for itself and the result is that there is now no uniformity in the laws of our States. The grounds for divorce in one State do not exist in another; a marriage which would be illegal in one State may be valid in another.

Marriage customs differ in different States. In some, marriage by the church is sufficient; in others, marriage by a civil officer alone, while in California and Dakota a valid marriage ceremony may be performed by consent of the parties in writing, and in New Hampshire cohabitation and acknowledging each other as husband and wife for three years constitutes a valid marriage in the eyes of the law.

Divorces are absolute or limited in character. In some States one party may secure a divorce and may marry while the other party cannot; again, both may have a divorce but neither can re-marry within a limited time.

Divorces are obtained in three ways: viz., by legislative action, by decision of court, or by operation of law without the intervention of the courts.

The Mormons, the Russian Jews and the Chinese have divorce courts of their own, independent of State laws.

Let us give our influence to every effort striving to reform our laws of marriage and divorce, and at all times refuse to be parties to the violation of the laws of another State, though they are not operative in the State where we live.

On behalf of the Committee.

CHESTER P. DORLAND, CHAIRMAN.

C

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

BY REV. H. P. CASE, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

I. *The National Work* of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

Some items from its 67th Annual Report will interest us.

Thirty-five superintendents and missionaries have labored in 22 states and territories; organized 432 new schools, re-organized 156, aided 1,209 schools with 2,777 grants of literature, visited over 1,600 different schools, holding 339 "institutes," and delivering over 7,000 sermons and addresses. Total receipts for the year not quite $58,000.

II. *The District of Southern California.*

During the past twelve months the Superintendent has been constantly engaged in labors in Southern California, except while making two visits into Arizona and parts of New Mexico.

A. Statistical summary for the year closing Sept. 30th, 1899:

1.	New Schools organized	12
2.	Members of same	252
3.	Schools re-organized	15
4.	Schools visited	61
5.	Schools granted literature	52
6.	Value of said grants	$167.55
7.	Sunday School Institutes conducted.	7
8.	Associations and Conventions attended	7
9.	Sermons and Addresses	232
10.	Miles traveled.	13,550
11.	Office and traveling expenses	$258.95
12.	Total money received in Southern California District	$641.43
13.	Sunday Schools making Children's Day Offering to the C. S. S. and P. S	70
14.	Churches making separate offerings to our Society	2
15.	Offering of the Southern California W. H. M. U.	$40
16.	One Junior Christian Endeavor Society	$5

Comparing these items with the Report for 1898, we note :

The same number of churches (2) made special offerings.

Four more Sunday Schools made Children's Day Offerings.

Christian Endeavor Societies making offerings dropped from 4 to 1.

The Southern California Woman's Home Missionary Union increased its offering from $17.50 to $40.00, for which many thanks.

The total offerings received in the District increased a little over 20 per cent., which is cause of real thanksgiving, when we consider the doubly adverse conditions—a second drought year, and more applicants for your benevolences.

But we also note that there is room for improvement in your benevolent offerings. The schedule of receipts shows that the largest average per capita offerings came from the smaller and Home Missionary Sunday Schools, prompted, perhaps, by grateful memory of aid received from their Sunday School foster-mother ; that some of our strong, self-supporting schools appear to have set a fixed standard above which they do not intend to go in giving to our Society, regardless of their numbers or financial condition ; that this total offering would but average $8.55 to each of our 75 churches, or 8c. per member of the 7,744 enrolled in church schools.

Three years ago, we urged that our standard should be an average annual offering of 20c. per member, so that the work of this District, now twelve years supported largely by donors outside of California, might become self-supporting. Nor is this request at all extravagant. Careful observation authorizes the statement that if the offerings of our Sunday Schools, which have during the last six years been diverted to other local objects of benevolence, had, as six years ago, gone chiefly to this, our own special denominational missionary work for the young in Southern California, it would now be self-supporting. We believe that our churches and schools are yearly growing more benevolent ; but it is, perhaps, a matter for the serious advice of the "Committee on Federation of Benevolences"—this question of how many beneficiaries shall be placed on your lists.

B. Some further statements as to the status, methods and needs of Sunday School missionary work.

1. More than half our time is now occupied in reviving and "pastoring" the 75 or more mission schools remaining from those organized by us in former years. It is considered even more important to keep alive a school, than to organize a new one. Such labor as this does not count for much in statistics, and lacks the enthusing power of *new work* in making reports. Neither is it as pleasant to the worker. Usually it is a more difficult and less appreciated work. A "dead" or suspended Sunday School usually means the removal of important helpers from the community, or possibly, worse, the internal strife of those who should have stood shoulder to shoulder. To return to such a field, visit and reconcile the disaffected, or to discover, or "create" new material for leadership, and to enthuse again the discouraged and indifferent, is not an inviting task. Only as "seeing the Invisible" and "for Him" can one again and again return to the same field to do such work. And yet, such labors are not in vain in the Lord. More than once the worker has drunk of "the brook in the way," and lifted up his head. In some unexpected "Thank you for coming!" has been heard the echo of His "Inasmuch as ye have done it," etc. We are glad to add that an increasing number of pastors are giving some oversight to these vicinage mission schools.

2. While we have less time than in earlier years for the Interdenominational Sunday School Conventions, we have been glad to do local Sunday School Institute work. In several places we have conducted such services of two or three sessions, where small groups of workers and others were interested to come together for study, conference and prayer. Evident benefit has resulted, both to the workers and their schools. If pastors and superintendents saw the value of such methods we should be glad to give frequent aid in that direction.

3. While not called of God or man to hold services specially called evangelistic, yet it is our growing custom, wherever we can get an audience in passing, to present to old, as well as young, the Gospel story for their acceptance. While Sunday Schools do not spring from all such services, we have had occasional evidence of harvest from such seed sown in individual lives.

4. The New Schools which we have organized during the past year lack in most elements of notoriety. They are only small gatherings of young and old for Bible study, in places

where, without such organizations, there would be no systematic study of the Bible. I cannot prophesy that even *one* of these schools will develop into a Congregational church. In the ten counties of Southern California, not a half-dozen new school districts have been formed during the past year. On the other hand, it is safe to say that at least fifty of these 600 school districts have been seriously depleted by the removal of population; families being obliged to abandon their ranch homes and seek some other means of livelihood. A dozen school districts have lapsed, and nearly all country churches have lost members and adherents.

Yet there are within our territory at least 150 school districts where the youth are without any Bible teaching. We understand that it is a part of our business to seek out such places, and, if possible, to establish Sunday Schools. In not a few of these places, religious bigotry or irreligious indifference makes it impossible to gather the children for, or find them a leader in, Bible study. It has been our attempt to overcome these obstacles. Now and then, by the grace of God, we succeed. And for this we give thanks, that thus one more door of escape from Satan's sin-land into the "green pastures" of the Good Shepherd has been opened to some of these thousands of California's children, who, without their wish or consent, have been dragged into their soul-ruining environment. Yes, we thank God, if, by this simple means—the Mission Sunday School—some, even a few, may be led into the way of salvation.

So, in a single sentence, we say: *The need of the Missionary Sunday School Work remains*, and is worthy a large place in your prayers and offerings.

C. What of the future?

1. As to the *Needs* of our Missionary Work, we have already spoken.

2. Our *Duties* would seem to be plain. Surely, financial assistance should be rendered by each of our 75 Churches and Sunday Schools, and by all children-loving individuals, according as God has made them stewards of His moneys, and surely your prayers will not be less fervent nor your personal co-operation less ready than in the past year. Thus sustained, your Sunday School Missionary will be able to open other fountains of the "Water of Life" in not a few "desert places."

3. As to the status of our 75 Church Schools, I should love to speak; but, properly, this comes from your Sunday School Committee or the Church Historian. I will only add that our irregular visits to these schools have impressed us, on the whole, favorably. Many schools seem to be growing not only in numbers but in wise teaching methods and earnest effort to secure spiritual results. Doubtless, there has been much "soul-winning" in them during the past year. God grant that the harvest may greatly and speedily increase!

D

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE PACIFIC.

The work of the Southern Branch during the past year has been marked by greater interest and zeal among the women and young people of our churches, a larger number of auxiliaries, and increased gifts. We feel encouraged to go on in our work of banding together all the women, young people and children of our Southern California churches, to work and pray for their less fortunate sisters on the other side of the seas. And realizing that this will only be done as we press home to hearts and consciences the necessity of obedience to their Master's commands, and help them to feel the great needs of those who do not know our Savior, we are trying to give them the facts, to make them familiar with our workers and their fields, and so to raise up a body of intelligent, consecrated givers, who will put something of themselves into their gifts.

Our Treasurer's report of receipts for 1898-1899 is as follows:

Woman's Auxiliaries	$1011.96
Young Woman's Auxiliaries	220.00
Young People's Societies Christian Endeavor	153.95
Junior Societies Christian Endeavor	66.40
Sunday Schools	115.02
Cradle Roll Bands	45.85
Collections, Sales and Special Donations	96.00
Balance on hand	76.67
	$1,785.85

Our aim for this year is $1,700 for the pledged work of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific—a large advance on what was sent last year. We can reach our goal if every auxiliary will give generously for our pledges, and not till those have been met take up special causes, however interesting and valuable they may be.

Since our annual meeting in April, the plan of work then adopted has been altered by the enforced and much regretted withdrawal from the service of the Board of two of our valued workers, Miss Harwood, of Japan, and Mrs. Hall, of China. Dr. and Mrs. Hall have been forced to leave their promising work in Shansi, and return to this country, where Dr. Hall hopes to regain his health. He has felt it best to sever his connection with the Board and resume his medical practice in Spokane, though they hope to go back to China in the future.

Miss Harwood, whose furlough has not restored her health, also resigns and will find some work for the Master in her homeland.

From Japan, we soon expect Miss Denton, whose long and faithful service well deserves a furlough; and Mrs. Baldwin, of Turkey, is only waiting for some one to relieve her that she too may seek the rest which she has not had for eleven years. So our forces are depleted, and we look prayerfully around us to see if some one from our own ranks may not hear the cry, "Come over and help us!" and gladly go to re-inforce the missionaries who are still on the fields. Our need for generous gifts is still the same, for the recruits will be found; but what joy and enthusiasm should we feel if from Southern California volunteers might come with the response, "Here am I, send me!"

Shall we listen in vain?

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT.

MISS MARY G. HOLMES, SECRETARY.

E

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Two years ago, Pomona College was struggling to maintain its existence, its friends were depressed and the outcome was doubtful. Today it is in a promising condition, old friends are enthusiastic, new friends are rallying to its support, and its future is assured.

In these two years there has been pledged or paid into its funds the sum of $225,000. Of this amount $65,000 went to provide for the debt that had accumulated; $100,000 in cash and $35,000 in pledges were set aside for endowment, and $25,000 was expended in the erection of a substantial and beautiful science hall, dedicated the 21st of last January, and called, in honor of the donor, "Pearsons Science Hall." During last year, $9,000 was spent on various improvements, such as heating the buildings by steam, equipment of the laboratories, introduction of gas for lighting purposes.

It is worthy of record that since the present administration has assumed the management of the College affairs, $145,000 has been paid or pledged to the funds of the institution, at a cost for collecting of not more than three per cent.

Last April, Mrs. C. B. Scovill, of Pasadena, whose husband was a large and beneficent giver in another state, offered $10,000 for the better equipment, enlargement, or endowment of the College on condition that $40,000 more could be obtained for the same purpose. The condition has already been met, over one-half of the total amount having been secured in Southern California, the balance in the East.

This college year, the enrollment of students is larger than ever before. It now numbers 200, and the larger part of that number are in the College department. The course in the preparatory department has been lengthened by one year, and no students pass from that department this year into the College proper; but it indicates the growing favor with which the College is looked upon in educational circles when it is stated that this year, from the High Schools of Southern California, twice as many as in any previous year have entered the freshman class.

The College offers to persons seeking a higher education the following inducements: A high standard of scholarship; a moral and religious atmosphere; close contact with, and the personal supervision of, instructors of marked ability and lofty character; for those who desire it, a low rate of living made possible by clubs and associations of students. It is the determination of the President and the Faculty to keep the standard of scholarship in the College abreast with the progressive standards of the leading institutions of learning in the land, and to win public confidence by the merit of the work done.

Any one who becomes acquainted with the members of the Faculty will be impressed with their ability, earnestness, loyalty to the interests of the College, and their strength of Christian character. It would be strange indeed if those who, in the susceptibility of youth, come into contact with such persons were not ennobled in character and purpose. The College is not sectarian, but it is aggressively Christian. Of the twelve graduates of last year three belonged to the Episcopal church; two to the Methodist Episcopal; one to the Baptist; two were Presbyterians, and four were Congregationalists. Two were candidates for the ministry and one for missionary service. All the students are required to attend morning prayers in the chapel and cheerfully do so. Most of them belong to either the the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. W. C. A. The religious influence is so strong that there is more likelihood of a young person becoming a Christian in the College than in the average home. Our churches need have no fear that those who go out from them to this school will come back estranged from the cause of Christ, or cooled in Christian ardor.

The Committee would impress upon this Association the fact that while the College is in a very hopeful condition financially it is by no means independent of the gifts of churches and individuals. It at present greatly needs:

1. A library building that should cost $25,000, with a carefully selected library of which the nucleus is already possessed.

2. An increase in its scholarship funds, so that young persons worthy in character, promising in scholarship and dependent in circumstances, may receive aid in obtaining an education.

3. At least $3,500 should be expended in a gymnasium. The College Athletic Association is making an effort to secure one-half of the funds necessary to supply this want in the hope that the outside friends of the College will generously donate the other half. The foundation of the building is already laid, and

it is hoped that the gymnasium may be completed during the present term.

To meet in a very economical way the current expenses of the College would require an interest-bearing endowment of at least $200,000; but the College has only about half that amount, and the interest of even its present endowment is not wholly available for its own use: for some of its gifts were made conditional upon small annuities payable to the donors, and these aggregate a considerable sum that has to be deducted from its income. Its present income therefore falls very far short of meeting its requirements for current expenses.

When the trustees came to make up the budget of expenses for the present college year, they were confronted with the business proposition: "Either bring the income up to the expenditure, or cut the expenditure down to the income." They had no right to assume that the former could be done. They were therefore forced to reduce the expenses. It appeared to them that the only way in which this could be effected was to make a reduction in the salaries, already too low, of the teaching corps. It is the feeling of this Committee that neither the President, nor any of the self-sacrificing men and women on the Faculty should be allowed to suffer this loss, but that in some way it should be made good to them by the liberality of the churches.

It is right to say that in the number of its students, the high standard of its curriculum of study, the efficiency of the members of the Faculty and their devotion to the interests of the institution, Pomona College, from the beginning until now, has had a phenomenal record, and one of which this Association may justly feel proud. At the same time, the present financial prosperity and bright outlook are due to the ability, earnestness and wide influence of President Frank P. Ferguson. That he was induced to accept the presidency was a fortunate circumstance for the College and for the cause of higher education in Southern California.

This College, born of Christian love and hope, consecrated by the prayers and tears and self-denying efforts of noble men and women, depends for its life and growth upon the fostering care of the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to them it is commended in the belief that they will discharge the sacred trust.

EDW. F. GOFF,
L. H. FRARY,
E. E. P. ABBOTT. } COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

PASADENA, CALIF., October 10, 1899.

F

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Southern California Woman's Home Missionary Union receives and forwards contributions to the Congregational Home Missionary Society, American Missionary Association, Congregational Church Building Society, Congregational Education Society, and Sunday School Society, or for any special missionary work in our own country, not included in our five national home missionary societies.

See that gifts to missions be sent through the regular channels. All money should be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Public Library, Riverside. Send by check or postal order payable to her.

Treasurers of Auxiliaries please remember that all contributions for the C. H. M. S. should reach Mrs. M. M. Smith, Riverside, before March 20th. The books will be open for contributions to all other objects until April 1st. Do not forget to study the Treasurer's report.

Please designate, when sending money, to what cause it is to be applied. Undesignated money will be apportioned by the Executive Committee.

Last year, our aim was $2,500. This year, we must have $2,600. The following percentage is recommended: For the C. H. M. S., 60%. For the A. M. A., 16% (including $100 for Chinese Women in Los Angeles). For the C. E. S. ($15 and $20 scholarships in Pomona College), 8%. For the C. C. B. S., 6%. For the Spanish work, 4%. For the C. S. S. and P. S., 3%. Undesignated, 3%.

The work suggested for our Young People's Societies this year is:

1st. Aid in raising the salary of the Pastor of our Institutional Church, Bethlehem Mission, Los Angeles. Grand work is being done in this densely populated portion of the city. Let

our young people give it enthusiastic support. As we give toward this object, so much is the C. H. M. S. aided.

2nd. Assist the C. E. S. by purchasing scholarships for Pomona College.

3rd. They are also asked to aid the work of Rev. A. B. Case among the Spanish.

Get every woman in each church actively interested in missionary work, and see that "Congregational Work" is in every family. This paper, which covers the work of all our national societies, may be obtained by writing to "Congregational Work," Congl. Rooms, 4th Ave. and 22nd St., New York City; only 10 cents a year in clubs of ten.

The magazines and papers published by the five home missionary societies can be had for one year by sending $1.00 to the treasurer of any one of these societies.

Mite boxes and mite box tents (for children) are furnished free. Apply to Mrs. E. C. Norton, Claremont, California, for these and for literature.

Write to State Secretary, Mrs. K. G. Robertson, Mentone, for any information desired. Also, kindly inform the Secretary at once of any change in officers of auxiliaries.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1899.

Cash on hand, April 5, 1898	$ 27 91
Los Angeles and Orange Counties	1327 46
Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties	31 05
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties	825 68
San Diego County	255 69
Donations	40 00
Collections	45 89
Total Receipts	$2553 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Congregational Home Missionary Society	$1603 99
Congregational Church Building Society	88 93
Congregational Education Society (Pomona College)	92 00
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society	45 00
American Missionary Association	246 75
California Spanish Missionary Society	192 76
Work of Bethlehem Church	126 15

American Bible Society	$ 5 00
Navajo Mission, Holyoke, Utah	5 00
Special gifts to Home Missionaries	32 25
Expenses–P't'g Annual Report, Postage, Stationery, etc.	78 25
	$2516 08
Cash on hand, April 1, 1899	37 60
Total.	$2553 68

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HOME MISSION REPORT.

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR.

Home Mission work in Southern California during the past year has been distinguished from that in other parts of our country by the fact that here a year of drought has followed upon the drought of two preceding years, so that the wide-spread financial prosperity of the year, easing the burdens of mission work elsewhere, has availed but little for our relief. In some of our fields, the people, through failure of crops, have been almost entirely without income, and have been compelled to extraordinary expenditures lest their orchards, the product of years of labor, should perish. The way for them was not like Ahab and Obadiah to go searching throughout the length and breadth of the land "unto all fountains of water and unto all brooks." It was too late for that. All the surface springs had been appropriated. They must dig deeper into the bowels of the earth, and call in the aid of steam and electricity and costly machinery to bring up from below the waters, which the heavens for the time had withheld from above. Some, unable to do this, have lost the labor of years. Some of our churches have been reduced, not only in financial ability, but also in numbers, because their members have felt compelled to flee from the places which they had fondly hoped would be their life-long earthly homes. We may be thankful, however, that there is brighter hope for the

future in the fact that the necessity which compelled the digging to deeper sources of water supply has brought with it the assurance that drought shall have henceforth less power to hurt or destroy.

Add to this condition of continued drought the reduction of $600 this year in our apportionment for Home Mission work, and we perhaps need no further reason for a failure to report, for the first time in our history, the adding of new churches to our list, or the building of new houses of worship. Our effort has been wisely to retrench, rather than to enlarge our work. We have been compelled to retreat; but we have endeavored so to conduct our retreat as to have a more favorable base for a forward movement in the future. Our withdrawal from Oceanside, as reported last year, in favor of our Methodist brethren has enabled us to realize this year a conveyance from them of a church building and church membership in Poway; so that we have that field without competition. Our withdrawal from Needles, also reported last year, brings this year a return to our Church Building Society of $775 the amount of its lien upon our church property there. The giving up of this point awakened also the hope of occupying to better advantage our nearer, but for sometime neglected, desert stations along the Mojave River—Daggett, Barstow, Halleck and Hesperia—and this hope, with the prayer and effort that followed it, led to a proposition from our brother, Rev. A. L. Seward, to occupy that field if only his expenses could be assured: led to a grant from the Santa Fe road of the traveling expenses connected with such a work; led to a contribution of $25 per month, from one whose heart is in work for the destitute, toward the support of the missionary for the year beginning June 1, 1899: and so our much needed mission work on the Mojave seems to be re-established. Our withdrawal this year from Nordhoff in favor of our Presbyterian brethren has for its compensation a conveyance of our church lots there to the Congregational Associates of San Francisco, in return for money received from them toward the building of the church—a payment also by the Presbyterian Church of $500 for the transfer of our church building, with the understanding that it shall be appropriated to our Home Mission work.

Concerning this withdrawal from Nordhoff, it should be put on record that when our church was organized there in 1888, a Presbyterian Church already existed in the valley with a house

of worship about a mile from the village. The village had grown up since it was built, and imperatively needed a church; but, on account of prejudices engendered by past local contests, it was found impracticable to move the Presbyterian Church to the place where the people had gathered. It was therefore determined by advice of Council to meet the need by planting there a Congregational Church. That church fulfilled the work for which it was organized, saving the village for Christ, and deserves the plaudit, "Well done!" But when the time came, through the gradual vanishing of former hindrances, for the free removal of the Presbyterian Church to the village, our Church as freely accepted their proposition, and became one with them in the work of holding forth the word of life for the people of the whole valley.

It has been said that no church building has been erected by any of our aided churches during the past year. But, as the year has drawn toward its close, at least five churches, as if to make amends for past shortcomings, and in faith that God has still good things in store for them, have taken steps toward building; and at least two others have moved to enlarge and improve their present places of worship. One church, that at Rosedale, has been provided with a parsonage. The new pastor came to the field but could find no home for his family within two miles of the church. He found, however, a building at a distance that could be purchased at moderate cost. Aid to the amount of $200 was promised from the parsonage fund of the Church Building Society. The house was bought. The people came together, moved it to a new lot provided for the purpose and refitted it; thus becoming richer for future work by the added possession of a pastor's home.

Our collections for the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the year ending April 1, 1899, according to receipts in the Home Missionary, were $3897.88. This is $208.06 more than the collections of the last preceding year. That there was any increase in the face of conditions so unfavorable means renewed interest in Home Mission work, more self-denial, greater sacrifices on the part of some who gave. But it should be noted that seven-eighths of this increase was made by the increased gifts of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, only one-eighth through the gifts and efforts of pastors and churches outside the Woman's Union. All honor to our sisters in Christ, who, by faithful, systematic work, have so raised the standard of Home Mission giving in a year of dearth and discouragement.

The year is especially marked by the entrance upon the oversight of our work of our new Superintendent, Rev. John L. Maile, whose varied experience and successful work for Home Missions, first in Nebraska and later in North Dakota, give assurance of a wise and energetic administration in Southern California.

Review of the Past Sixteen Years.

It has been suggested as desirable at this turning point in the history of our work, that the former Superintendent present an outline review of Home Mission progress during the sixteen years of his administration. He began work and continued it three years with the title of General Missionary, but with duties scarcely differing from those of Superintendent. They are stated in his commission, dated Sept. 7, 1883: "Your work will be that of superintending the churches already organized, organizing new work, securing new men for the field, stimulating churches to self-support, acting as a bond of union and fellowship between those that are widely scattered."

The Santa Fe Railroad had lately entered Southern California, connecting it directly with the East. It was a highway cast up for the incoming march of legions of immigrants from that part of our country which has been fitly called the New England Zone. Thus the way was prepared as never before for the gathering and growth of Congregational churches here. Sixteen years earlier, in 1867, four churches of our order had been planted in Southern California, at important centers of influence—San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura. During the sixteen succeeding years, only four more were added, making eight in all. They had feeble beginnings and made but slow progress. At the end of all these years they counted only 565 members. But in the next fifteen years ending with the census of our last year book, the eight churches had become eighty—a tenfold increase, and the 565 members had grown to 6980—more than a twelvefold increase. This growth came to pass in such a way as to forbid any one or any number of us to claim credit for it, as though it were the result of our work. The *Lord himself* sent his people from the East to take possession of this fair land. They came like Israel into Canaan, in such numbers as to make veritable conquest of the land for Christ. The work of God's people already here was to welcome them and join hands with them to make our Canaan a holy land. How far we redeemed our opportunity the Lord is judge.

This is certain, that churches multiplied on every hand; Christians of different names vied with each other in the effort to be first to raise the standard of the cross in our new settlements; the fashions of the region changed from church neglecting to church going, from the open store to the closed store on the Sabbath day; apathy, indifference, opposition to religion, were succeeded by a new susceptibility to its influence. It was the Lord's doing and it was marvellous in our eyes.

The history of our Home Mission work during these latter sixteen years divides itself into two periods of about eight years each—the first half, a period of abounding courage, free giving and rapid progress—the last half a period of waning courage, lessened giving, slower progress, ending well nigh in retrogression. At the end of the first period, our list of churches had increased from 8 to 62. At the end of the second period, June 1, 1899, 18 more had been added; only one-third as many as were added in the first period. Our Home Mission gifts for the first period were at the rate of about $1.40 per member; for the second period at the rate of about 70 cents per member—the rate gradually decreasing, until for the year ending April 1, 1899, it was about 55 cents per member. The causes of this difference are manifest, have been dwelt upon in former reports, and need not be recounted here. We rejoice that we are not called to number among them failing love to the Master, or lessened zeal in his work. The latter period witnessed a much larger number of additions on confession of faith to our churches as a whole, than the former; and the effort—in the face of reduced income and financial embarrassment—to maintain our work at its former standard has doubtless developed in larger measures among both pastors and people the grace of self-sacrificing love.

A forward movement made near the turning-point between these two periods appears to have enhanced the difficulties of the last few years. During the first period, our work had been devoted almost entirely to the rapidly increasing population of that part of our territory lying between the mountains and the sea; to the conserving of the Christian influx of the new immigration; to planting churches which we hoped would become speedily self-supporting.

But about the year 1891, we began to awake to the fact that a responsibility was laid upon us for the evangelization of that vast neglected part of our district lying beyond the mountains to the north and east. As clearly as Paul heard from across the

waves of the Hellespont the cry, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," so clearly did we hear the cry from across the mountains, Come over into San Luis Obispo County and help us; Come over into Kern County and help us; Come out upon the desert and help us; and a cry at the same time for a more distinctive City Mission work in a neglected part of Los Angeles. In answer to these calls, we gathered, in 1892, churches at San Luis Obispo, at Bakersfield and Rosedale in Kern County, at Needles on the desert; also, the Bethlehem Church in Los Angeles. Not one of these could be expected to come speedily to self-support. Up to that time our apportionment from New York, together with our rate of home giving per member, had been such as to warrant the expectation of adequate support for this advance. But close upon the formation of these churches came financial disaster and a reduction of our apportionment from New York. Reduction of means has followed reduction, not only from this source but also in the rate per member of our own Home Mission giving, with the consequent result of hardship to many of our missionaries and mission fields down to the present time. Was our faith that God called us to this advance misplaced, or has he been so dealing with us, "that the trial of our faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ"?

VALEDICTORY.

In closing this Home Mission report, the final one from my pen, I wish to acknowledge gratefully the courteous invitation given me by our Superintendent to make report this time in his place. I wish to thank the several members, who at different times have composed our Home Missionary Committee, for the kind consideration of such plans as I may have presented, and of such work as I may have entered upon in cases of emergency without first consulting them. It is reported that there has been in some other Home Missionary districts a clashing sometimes between the Committee representing the associated churches and the Superintendent representing the central society. We have had no such experience here. Nor has there been at any time in the Committee itself any unpleasant conflict of plans or opinions. It is worthy of record, also, that we have never, according to my recollection, lacked a quorum for the transaction of our business at any meeting of our committee,

regularly called. Members have been accustomed to attend its meetings almost without failure, at their own expense, sometimes from a distance of more than sixty miles, several times a year for years in succession; and it is a result of their faithfulness to duty, their patient deliberation and wise counsel, that so many possible mistakes have been avoided, and so much progress has been made. I wish to thank our pastors and churches for their hearty co-operation in this work, very few failing at any time to make at least a yearly home mission collection, and many responding liberally to extra calls in cases of special need. It should be noted, also, with thankfulness that many of our pastors have contributed greatly to the enlargement of our work by ministering to out-stations which they have nourished into churches. Great credit is also due to our traveling missionaries, evangelists and emergency men—notably Bros. Harwood, Culver, Billings and Smead—for planting new churches, encouraging and strengthening those already existing, promoting church building, and aiding pastors when the spirit of God was present with power for the ingathering of souls. We owe the more to them because in many instances they have done this work almost entirely at their own charges. Nor should we forget that we have several churches on our list today, that are there because beloved brethren in the Lord have been willing to take pastoral care of them without Home Missionary aid, and with only the barest pittance from their churches toward their support. We could not wisely venture to name these brethren, for it is not easy to draw the line between the barest pittance of these and the meagre support of others. Most of us know and love and reverence some of these for their work's sake. The Lord perhaps sees more to commend in others of whom we have little thought. He knows them all, and all their sacrifices: "A book of remembrance is written before him"; "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

We all remember with gratitude at this hour "those women" of the Home Missionary Union "who have labored with us in the Gospel, whose names are in the Book of Life." Their faithful, persistent, prayerful effort has kept alive the habit of systematic giving among many of the sisters, and brethren also, of our churches, and has prepared the way, may we not trust, for more abounding liberality in the brighter days which we hope the Lord is opening before us.

Before closing, I desire to thank those brethren, who surprised me with kind, appreciative letters when it was announced that I was to lay down my work; and also to express my gratitude for the more public testimonials received from District Associations, our Home Missionary Committee, and the Los Angeles Congregational Union. But especially do I thank God that he has appointed to me a work with co-workers so indulgent and helpful. I rejoice for my brother Maile that the lines are fallen to him in so pleasant places, and that he has so goodly a heritage. I rejoice for you in the belief that you have, in this brother, one who will go before you in the might of the Lord God, so that your forward movement will be crowned with victory.

I cannot refrain from acknowledging the goodness of our Lord in the gift of continuous health, so that scarcely for a day in all these sixteen years has sickness withheld me from active service. I thank him, also, for a home so helpful, cheerful and loving, lighted up by one whose heart and hand have been with me in the work, and who joins with me in the thanksgivings of this hour.

Finally, I desire to join with you in thanksgiving that the Lord has appointed us a work in such a place and time as this, in which He has so clearly wrought our work for us, hastening the fruitage of our labors, so that "the plowman has overtaken the reaper and the treader of grapes him that soweth the seed." Let us bow humbly before him and say, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory, forever and ever, Amen."

JAS. T. FORD,

For Home Mission Committee.

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REPORT OF

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

JOHN H. COOPER, CHAIRMAN.

The Sabbath Observance Committee made an effort, while our State Legislature was in session, to assist in passing the "Simpson Sabbath Observance Law." It endeavored to secure the co-operation of similar committees in other denominations in making a united appeal to our respective assemblymen and senators to support the measure. Since the combined committees would represent so many thousand voters in their respective denominations, we considered that such action would have much weight. We found it, however, almost impossible to secure the general co-operation desired, and so contented ourselves in making an appeal to our representatives in the name of the seven thousand members in our Southern Congregational Association.

This law failing to pass, your committee next considered how a better observance of the Christian Sabbath could be secured in our State, notwithstanding the absence of a Sabbath law. They believe that if any improvement is secured it must originate in the church, and that the PULPIT — MUST — LEAD — in creating a better conscience on the Sabbath question. Circular letters were sent to each pastor, requesting him to preach an annual sermon on this theme. The limited response to this request made the committee doubt whether there was much desire among our people to have a better observance of the Sabbath. The general feeling seems to be to let things drift, without much thought as to what wrecks may come with such drifting.

How does this representative audience stand on this question? Will you permit me modestly to make the inquiry? How many believe that our California Sabbath needs improving? [The majority of hands were raised.]

It is evident then that we are generally agreed on the *fact*. Can we agree on the *method?* Granted, improvement is needed; there *must be* specific ways of improving our observance of the Sabbath. But here we are not so unanimous. For example, take the invasion of the Sabbath by the newspaper. What is our opinion of the recent action of British Christians in bringing the mighty millionaires from their seats? Those wealthy London journalists were envious at the success of Sunday journalists here, and sought to follow them. With many millions behind them, they launched their new enterprise. But how dis-illusioned they must have been when British Christians, with one united protest, declared — THEY — WOULD — NOT — HAVE the Sunday journal invade and appropriate the choicest hours of their holy day. With the most united and successful boycott of modern times, they succeeded in the destruction of the sacrilegious effort. Many will consider the British conscience on the Sabbath a scrupulous one. This is because — OUR — OWN — CONSCIENCE — HAS — RETROGRADED.

Once the sweet sound of the church-going bell, as it floated over city and country, announcing the day of rest and gladness, was the first stirring sound of the American Sabbath. Now the locomotive bells, "brazen bells," are first. They call their hundreds and their thousands to forget God's fourth commandment, inscribed in the eternal decalogue, and fly away in giddy haste to their Sunday dissipation. Meanwhile, the news agent dispatches his army of boys—no Sabbath school for them—and through city and country they go, to steal away the ears, the thoughts, the hours, that God intended for a holier purpose.

Were Sunday editions as unpretentious as those of the other six days, less could be said; but when the whole extent of the universe is drawn upon to fill mammoth sheets with all kinds of miscellaneous matter to be scattered abroad as profusely as the leaves of an eastern fall in the first November blast, many will be kept from worship while hiding their heads in these leaves; others will go to church with heads full of everything but worship. Too often, a store, a farm, a factory, an office or a whole set of plans for the next-week's work blockades the mind end of the worshipper's ears; but when the voluminous varieties of the Sunday papers are added to all the rest, the blockade is so effective that even an angelic tongue of fire could not pierce it.

On this ground, we base our strongest criticism against these Sunday encyclopedias, and also against other forms of Sabbath desecration. The main ground for objection is not in the publication or the reading of the Sunday paper; it is not in the mere act of working, or pleasuring on the Sabbath, wrong as these are in themselves, but it consists in this—the Sunday press and traffic, and work and picnic, steal the ears, the thoughts, the hours, which the laws of physical well-being, the laws of the soul's well-being, and the written laws of God demand should be employed for spiritual ends. In this age of all-consuming business worry, there is little time for soul-saving and soul-culture, such as the Sabbath was designed for. This small one-seventh of our time is none too much to spend for this great purpose. Spiritual degeneration inevitably follows robbing God and our souls of this little seventh. The Sabbath desecrator sins more by what he fails to do and fails to gain on the Sabbath than in the open acts of desecration. The sin is not a sin of commission only, but a sin of omission.

Our plea for the Sabbath is a plea for the body, a plea for the soul, a plea for the church and for Christianity. Guilty as we are in filling the Sabbath with our journalism, our recreations, and our traffic, we are still more guilty in thus emptying it of its purpose and capacity to relax nerves and muscles, and strengthen the soul's graces and virtues.

Christianity itself, as a pure and effective faith, depends upon the faithful keeping of this day. Even Voltaire admitted this when he said: "You cannot kill Christianity as long as the Sabbath is maintained as a sacred day." A greater than Voltaire, the greatest all-around statesman of this generation, said the same—a man who, while chief minister of the greatest world-empire of the ages, never found it necessary even to peruse his Sunday mail.

Some may accuse us of standing for the Puritan Sabbath. It is not for this so much as for a — consistent — Christian — Sabbath that we plead; though even the Puritan Sabbath, with all its strictness, was immeasurably better than that which prevails in scores of American cities, where beer gardens and other similar centers of dissipation actually witness more immorality during this holy day than during the other six days put together.

While America is thus drifting, Continental Europe is seriously studying the better-kept British Sabbath. Sabbath

laws restricting business have recently been passed in Germany, and a Sunday Rest Congress, under the patronage of the French government, will be held in the Palais du Cougrés of the coming Paris exposition. It is surely time for Christian America to cry: "Halt! Right about face! March" back to the Sabbath of her youth—the Sabbath before the war.

War brought in the Sunday mail, Sunday traffic and the Sunday newspaper, and having brought these, left the flood-gates open. Every exalted interest of our nation cries out: "Close the gates!"

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REPORT ON THE

STATE AND WORK OF THE CHURCHES.

REV. NICHOLAS T. EDWARDS.

This general survey will present facts gathered from answers to a series of questions sent to all the churches, so far as answers have been received. The language of the pastors in making reports will be frequently quoted as giving the most accurate and interesting statements. The replies are grouped under several heads, presenting the various departments of church work.

Accessions to the Membership.

We rejoice to note a marked increase in the numbers coming into the churches on confession of faith, as compared with last year; though the number is not as large as that of two years ago. So far as reported, the accessions have been: By Confession 356, By Letter 546, Total 902. The churches adding more than ten since the last Association meeting are: Los Angeles First, 117; Redlands, 90, including 61 from the absorbed Lugonia Terrace Church; San Diego First, 59; Pomona, 53; East Los Angeles, 51; Bethlehem, 51; Pasadena First, 45; Ontario, 31; Riverside, 27; Chula Vista, Escondido and Santa Ana, 25 each; Bakersfield, 24; Claremont, 19; San Bernardino, 16;

Compton, 15; Central Ave., 14; Pasadena Lake Avenue, Park, Plymouth and Pico Heights churches, Los Angeles, 12 each; Ramona and Whittier, 11 each.

The churches adding five or more on confession of faith are: Los Angeles First, 32; Bethlehem, 30; Pomona, 26; East Los Angeles, 24; San Diego, 21; Riverside, 20; Pasadena, 16; Ontario, 16; Bakersfield, 15; Santa Ana, 13; Redlands and San Bernardino, 11 each; Los Angeles Olivet, 8; Pico Heights, Claremont and Ramona, 7 each; Escondido, Los Angeles Park, and Lemon Grove, 6 each; Compton, National City and Vernon —Los Angeles, 5 each.

These results have been reached without special revival services. In fact, in those communities in which special services have been held no visible results in conversion have followed. San Diego says: "No unusual methods of work have been employed. The usual services and personal work have been relied upon. D. L. Moody's visit was quickening to the church, but resulted in no increase of membership." Ontario says: "All secured by the Spirit's use of ordinary means." "Handpicked," is Highland's laconic explanation. Pomona, of her 53 additions, reports "the very large proportion of twenty-six on confession through no outside help; the result being secured by maintaining a high spiritual level the year round." Bethlehem says the thirty conversions have been through personal work. Los Angeles East says the same. Park Church, says: "We have had some six conversions in the Sunday School. We ask scholars to give their hearts to Christ, and seek to fold them into the church." Los Angeles First has used only "the ordinary methods," but evidently they have proved efficient. The college church at Claremont has seen "no special meetings, but every-day, quiet, evangelistic effort."

But after noting encouraging results, the thoughtful believer in the power of the Gospel must feel that the latent forces of our churches have not been active as they should be. One pastor pens these words: "It is a strange and discouraging fact that there have been no accessions during the past year, though we have had two series of special services, one of them a union service. Several persons arose, identifying themselves with Christians, but some of them when spoken to offered excuses for not uniting with the church. I have preached, made personal appeals to, and prayed for, the unconverted. What more can I do?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Reports from the Sunday Schools are varied; some telling of well organized and effective work, others of great difficulty in securing teachers, and several at this season speak of the demoralizing effect of the summer vacation in lessened attendance and fidelity. Greater efforts should be made to preserve the *esprit de corps* of the school during the summer, and all of us should take warning that a vacation should not dissipate but recreate the energies for better work. Large increase is reported at Los Angeles Central Ave., Santa Ana, Ventura and Ontario. Bakersfield, East Los Angeles and Escondido speak of attempts at better grading. Bakersfield has five mission Sunday Schools doing regular work and looking to that church for help and encouragement. They have had an eighteen-weeks' normal course. Claremont has special study of some separate books of the Bible by two adult Bible classes. The Primary Department attends in a body the first half-hour of the preaching service. Compton thinks its greatest success has been the Sunday School work; the average attendance last quarter having been 136. Many report special attention to music, with orchestra at Los Angeles First, piano at Pico Heights, special chorister at Redlands, East Los Angeles, National City and San Jacinto. Central Ave. Los Angeles, has increased from 33 to 117.

Pasadena First relies most upon devoted and faithful teachers. Pasadena Lake Ave. tells of marked improvement, especially in primary department, having adopted new methods suggested by the Primary Union. Pomona has two branch schools. San Luis Obispo thinks this with its kindergarten and normal classes the best equipped department of its church work. Norwalk has tried with success a "punch card" for prompt attendance, with the result that tardiness has changed to punctuality, so that many are never late. Mentone has a sermon to the children following the session occasionally. The pastor conducts, every week, as he has for four years past, a half-hour Bible study exercise in connection with the Thursday prayer meeting.

Few schools report teachers' meetings; only twelve for study of lesson, and a half dozen more for business relating to the school. Only two churches speak of a Home Department. This must be understated, but evidently we are not making general use of this method of reaching those who do not attend the school.

INTEREST IN MISSIONS.

The reports of the missionary interest, on the whole, are encouraging. The work is well organized in many churches. Some churches tell of a live, earnest spirit of missions—notably about fifteen churches which report increase of missionary zeal and contributions. Let us gladden our hearts with these words! Claremont says: "The missionary interest is pronounced, and the work accomplished considerable. Every organization has a missionary branch, with missionary meetings and study, frequent addresses from missionaries and members. We contribute to all our National Societies."

Los Angeles First reports missionary spirit growing, with all departments organized; the church contributing to all the societies. A special donation brought the entire benevolences up to a total of $16,889. Park Church, Los Angeles, makes use of banks throughout the year, which are opened in March, turning out about $85, which is divided among the benevolences. In addition, the young people raise, by 10 cents-a-month pledges, $25 for foreign missions. Vernon Church helps the pastor support a native preacher in India.

One token of marked advance is the number of churches which have reduced the amount of Home Missionary aid or have become independent. A full dozen churches have thus lessened the burden of the Home Missionary Society. There seems to be progressive spirit that is unwilling to ask assistance when strong enough to walk alone. Sometimes it is the pastor who bears the larger share of the reduction; sometimes it is a willing and working church that makes it good. The criticism that churches are willing to carry crutches when they can well walk alone is not justified by the mission fields of Southern California. A number of churches are contributing to all the regular Congregational Societies. This honor roll should be lengthened. It is now: Claremont, Compton, Los Angeles First, Vernon, Norwalk, Pasadena First and Lake Ave., Pomona, Santa Ana, Ventura (next year), Highland, Ontario, Redlands, Riverside, San Diego First. With some churches the missionary spirit is weak, at times the result of the pastor's indifference or failure to present the interesting facts of the world-wide missions. Words like these are sorrowful: "No special interest," "missionary spirit weak," "the pastor did not enthuse on missionary topics. His attitude was rather one of criticism." However, a small

contribution ought not to be taken as proof of no missionary zeal. It may be said that generally the cause of missions is faithfully presented by the pastors in sermons, prayer meeting talks and personally, and by the various organizations of the church.

FINANCES.

With two or three exceptions, and those only temporary, no debts are left over on current expenses for the year. The unanimity of testimony is most gratifying and complimentary to the churches and the officers performing the unrewarded service of collecting the income. Some expressions are strong: "In eleven and one-half years of service, the pastor has never waited a day for his monthly salary"; "dues paid promptly"; "salary usually ready a month ahead."

There has been activity in improving and repairing church property at San Diego Second, Poway, La Mesa, Riverside, Ontario, Santa Ana, Pomona, Pasadena Lake Ave., Compton, Los Angeles East and Long Beach. Escondido has a new organ; Chula Vista a piano. Bloomington has a subscription secured for the erection of a new church. Rosedale has procured a building lot and completed a parsonage. Paso Robles has bought lots, paid for them, and is canvassing for a building fund. Norwalk has put in new gasoline lamps. Vernon has rebuilt its parsonage at a cost of $500. Claremont with the generous help of other churches, has fitted up a new prayer meeting room for the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations, and bought new hymn books, "Laudes Domini," in June. Bakersfield has paid $100 on an old debt to the Church Building Society. Avalon, where the visitors throng in summer, has secured by special effort $660 for parsonage and church repairs.

We all rejoice in two notable financial successes of the year: one, by the First Church of Los Angeles, in the entire liquidation of a debt of $11,800, which was accomplished July 1st, after a struggle of about sixty days. The amount actually raised was $12,050 in cash, and the full payment of all subscriptions was made in twelve days after the entire amount was pledged—truly a remarkable fact, and a signal proof of the efficacy of continued prayer to God for this result. Well may the pastor say: "The payment of the church debt against such odds leads many to say, 'Surely this is the finger of God.' "

The second notable success of the year financially is the raising of $18,500 by the Redlands Church for a a new edifice, the entire amount being pledged before work was begun. The plans are now accepted, the work is well under way, and the church hopes to enter the new building early in the year 1900. With the finances in fine condition, all dues paid, current expenses increased $300, and no indebtedness, the outlook with this church is certainly very hopeful, and great results are expected for the glory of our Lord.

The Spiritual Life of the Churches.

In concluding, let us catch from these reports the spiritual tone, the signs of the real life to which all else should contribute and without which all else is failure. The prayer meeting is the keynote of this spiritual life. We hear both mourning and rejoicing by the under-shepherds as they think of the spirit of prayer or of its lack among their people. In answer to the question, "What per cent. of the church members habitually attend prayer meeting?" the replies range from 0 to 100—one of each extreme. But they average from 15, 20, 25 to 35, 40, 50 per cent. The exact average of all replies received from 40 churches is 31 per cent. of the resident members of the church. It is a solemn question to ask, "Where are the other 70 per cent. of the resident members on prayer meeting night?" Let me quote some of the explanations: "The young people are absent." "The men are absent." But this meeting is unanimously called the vital factor in the church life, and no church is hopeful in getting along without it.

The Young People's Societies are recognized as valuable aids to the church. One pastor expresses his doubt thus: "I have always been skeptical about the value of the young people's movement. Have been connected with four—meetings always good, helpful in an educational way, good for Christian nurture —but have never seen a Christian Endeavor Society aggressively evangelistic. Are not the Christian Endeavor meetings supplanting the old-fashioned Sunday evening evangelistic service? Are not young people being graded up into the church rather than thoroughly converted?" But the tenor of reports shows the high value of the Endeavor Societies. In the small churches, they brighten the outlook and encourage the pastor and warm the hearts of the young people who thus come to identify themselves with their church. In the strong churches, they bear

much fruit. Pastor Day speaks of the strong lift given by them on the burden of the debt, and of the many young men identified with the Society. Says Pastor Dorland: "It has contributed members, zeal, money, attendance and spirituality." Pastor Bartlett, at Bethlehem, says: "It is the strongest factor in the church life and work. It is the church at work—not a substitute for the church." In several places it maintains the evening service. In many churches it contributes largely to the church support—$25 in Ventura, $100 in Corona, $60 at San Diego, beside missionary offerings. In Ontario, it contributes activity, support, stability, to all church work.

As to the Sunday evening service, some churches are making it an opportunity of reaching the community. Bakersfield averages more than the resident members at each service on Sunday, and the evening service averages larger than the morning. Pastor Wheeler, at Compton, has read selections from Sheldon's books, with comment, at the Sunday evening service, with good results. The First Church, Los Angeles, rejoices in large congregations and good evening audiences, never larger than during the past year. Park Church has better audiences in the evening than in the morning. Pastor Hendry uses themes of current interest announced beforehand for a month or two and then goes back to the ordinary services, and believes that "the people like something new, like the Athenians." At Vernon, special music and series of announced sermons have helped bring in outsiders. Pico Heights counts very successful evening audiences, especially on account of the large number of young people attending. Bethlehem Church, in its several departments of work—religious, educational, physical, philanthropic and social—mentions about thirty different services, classes, societies and agencies, maintained with increasing interest and finds the attendance at its Sunday evening services especially encouraging. Central Ave. reports larger audiences in the evening than in the morning. Evangelistic services are occasionally held after sermon.

Pomona finds the Sunday evening service in the fifth year of its management by the Men's Sunday Evening Club a uniform success. Pastor Westfall, at Ventura, says that the membership is more faithful than for years, and outsiders are filling up the church building to its full capacity; the evening services having the largest attendance. National City finds outsiders attending, especially in the evening, and a steady improvement—the

attendance being doubled. San Diego First has had a variable evening attendance, sometimes large. Special music and announcements draw. During the summer, a series of union services with the Presbyterians, the pastors alternating in preaching, has been successful. In Pasadena First, the evening service has taken on new vigor and enthusiasm since it was taken in charge by the "Men's Sunday Evening Club." The pastor laments the failure of the church to reach the unsaved world. He often preaches when he is doubtful if there is a single person in the house who is not a church member.

One fact which should furnish food for thought and prayer is that, among all the churches of this Association, only three report any young men or women preparing to enter the Gospel ministry. Bakersfield has one young man in Pacific Theological Seminary. One young man at National City is looking forward to the work. Redlands reports a number in college, not fully decided. Rosedale has several young men going out to preach occasionally. Lake Ave., Pasadena, has a young man preparing for a medical missionary. Our College church reports that of the graduating class of 1899, two young men enter the Theological Seminary this fall. The other classes will supply more.

From the facts presented in these reports, we are warranted in the belief that, while there is much to regret and much remaining undone, yet the year's work has produced great and valuable results, for which we should be glad and thankful to God. The Spirit has worked in and through many of the churches. The hearts of the workers in the small and isolated fields have been kept hopeful and courageous in the work; the church members have as a rule been more loyal; obligations have been met; new enterprises are now on foot, and notable victories have been achieved.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. ALANSON BIXBY was born in Rutland, Vermont, April 2, 1818. He was licensed as a preacher of the Gospel in 1843, and ordained as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, April 23, 1850. He preached as a minister of that church in several places in the state of New York until 1869, when he became pastor of the Congregational church in Frewsburg of the same state. He continued that work for about four years; then from 1873 to 1875 was in pastoral charge of the church in Ashville, N. Y.

From 1876 to 1878, he appears as pastor of the church in Oswego, Kansas; and at Foristell, Missouri, from 1878 to 1885. All these Congregational churches increased in numbers under his ministry.

In his old age, he came to Southern California. About the time of his arrival, in 1887, a church was organized in what was then known as the Upper Sweetwater Valley, now Dehesa. The valley was limited in size and population, and the few Christian people there could not be expected to contribute largely toward the support of a pastor. He seemed to have been sent of the Lord to take the work, and continued with the church about eight years, receiving such support as the people with the aid of a small home mission appropriation could give, and eking out a living by cultivating a 40-acre government claim. He thus occupied in his declining years a field difficult to be supplied with the Gospel ministry. When about 77 years of age, he laid down the work and was cared for by relatives in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Allen, N. Y. He died at the latter place, Dec. 15, 1898, aged eighty years, eight months and thirteen days.

Though his ministry was generally with small churches, it was nevertheless a fruitful one, if we may judge by the number added to them on confession of faith. Both in preaching and in public prayer, he manifested to a high degree the peculiar gift called unction. There are some among us who will long remember the fervor of his utterance in prayer when he met with us at our annual gatherings in General and District Associations.

REV. ALFRED KENNARD JOHNSON was born in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 30, 1833, and died at Rosedale, Cal., March 29, 1899. He was married to Miss Helen Reed, in Dubuque Co., Iowa, April 21, 1857. After thirty-four years of happy union, the wife died in 1891. He was again married Sept. 6, 1893, at Rosedale, Cal., to Mrs. Emma Munn, who survives him. Her helpful companionship greatly aided him during his last years.

He was educated at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; from which college he received later in life the degree of Doctor of Divinity. After graduation, he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and gave promise, it is said, of an honorable and unusually successful career in that profession. But soon after, under the quickening influence of an earnest religious purpose, he left his chosen vocation. He had received what he believed to be a divine call to the ministry of the Gospel, and after the required steps of preparation he was ordained to his new work September 20, 1863.

He served his Master in the ministry about thirty-five years. Till 1890, he was a minister of prominence in the M. E. Church in Iowa and Kansas. He held for four years the office of Presiding Elder of the Emporia District, Kansas. Soon after coming to Southern California, he accepted a call to the Oceanside Congregational Church. In the spring of 1892 he took charge of a new and partially organized work at Bakersfield, in Kern County. He completed the organization and erected a house of worship. In 1893, there followed under his hand a similar work at Rosedale in the same county. Later, in the same year, he gathered a church at Poso, about twenty miles north of Rosedale, and ministered to the two churches. In 1896, a church was organized at Hamlin School House, about twelve miles further north, which was added to his pastoral charge. Thus, in a little more than four years under him as the representative of Congregationalism in Kern County, four churches were organized and two houses of worship erected. He continued to minister to the three churches last named until his death.

He was ever a positive force for righteousness. His zeal to extend the kingdom of Christ characterized him to the last, for after the doctors had warned him that his time was short, he was still planning the enlargement of his parish, already too extensive for one of his years and strength. Though he grew weaker day by day, he continued to fulfill his distant appoint-

ments, animated by a determined purpose to complete the work of at least the current year of his ministry. This he succeeded in doing except for the last two Sabbaths of his life.

He was a man of wide reading, especially in the departments of history and physical science, from which he drew largely to illustrate and enforce religious truth. As a preacher, his sermons were instructive, thoughtful, convincing. That he had more than ordinary administrative ability is shown by the facts already given of his last few years of service. He is worthy of long continued remembrance for his wise and patient ground-breaking and seed-sowing in Kern County, which we cannot doubt will be followed by successive harvests, "some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold," to the glory of God and to the blessing of all that region.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

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(Organized May 7, 1886.)

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Licentiate—J. B. Irvine, Jr.

Met at Los Angeles, Park Congregational Church, Monday eve., May 8th, 1899: Moderator, Rev. F. A. Field; Assistant Moderator, Rev. N. L. Rowell; Scribe, A. I. Gammon.

Subjects discussed: "The Distinctive Mission of the Congregational Churches," Rev. H. N. Kinney. "The Evangelization of Southern California," Rev. James T. Ford. "Strangers Within Our Gates," Mrs. Mary Peterson. "Things to be Emphasized in Our Present Day Ministry," Rev. D. W. Morgan. "Individual Responsibility for the Enforcement of Temperance Legislation," Rev. J. H. Cooper. "The Need of the Holy Spirit in the Common Duties of Life," Evang. H. G. Smead.

Next Meeting.—Notice of place and time will be given in "The Pacific."

San Bernardino Association.

(Organized in May, 1887.)

Registrar—Rev. George Robertson, Mentone.

Churches—Alessandro, Bloomington, Corona, Etiwanda, Halleck, Highland, Lakeview, Mentone, Moreno, Ontario, Perris, Redlands, Rialto, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Jacinto.

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Met at Ontario, May 2 and 3, 1899: Rev. W. H. Wolcott, Moderator; Rev. W. L. Noyes, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "Epochs in Anglo-Saxon History," Rev. Geo. Robertson. "Our National Enemy," Rev. H. E. Merrill.

"Home Mission Work," Rev. J. H. Williams. "Christian Endeavor," Rev. A. W. Thompson. "Woman's Home Missionary Union," Mrs. S. G. Lamb. "Home Mission Problems," Revs. Jas. T. Ford and H. P. Case. "Present Day Claims Upon Pulpit and Pew," Rev. E. F. Goff. "Winning Souls," Rev. W. H. Wolcott. "The Passing of the Revival," Rev. W. N. Burr. "Woman's Board of Missions, Southern Branch," Mrs. J. H. Williams. "Fellowship," Rev. S. G. Lamb. "An Evening with Pomona College," Rev. L. H. Frary and H. N. Kinney.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Corona, May 1 and 2, 1900.

San Diego Association.

(Organized April 30, 1895.)

Registrar—Rev. I. W. Atherton, Helix.

Churches—Alpine, Chula Vista, Dehesa, DeLuz, Escondido, Flinn Valley, Jamul, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, Ramona; San Diego—First and Second; Spring Valley.

Ministers—E. E. P. Abbott, I. W. Atherton, F. A. Bissell, H. M. Daniels, A. C. Dodd, T. R. Earl, N. T. Edwards, S. A. Norton, J. D. Parker, J. L. Pearson.

Licentiate—C. H. Abernethy.

Annual Meeting at National City, April 24 and 25, 1899. C. H. Abernethy, Moderator; Dea. Adams Chapin, Scribe.

Subjects Discussed: "Congregational Tools and Work:" (1.) "The Pacific;" (2.) "S. S. Literature," (3.) "Our six Societies—Collection for all." "The Socialistic Movement—Our Duty, What?" Rev. N. T. Edwards. "Is the Trend toward Naturalism?" Rev. E. E. P. Abbott. "Relation of Some Agencies to Kingdom Growth:" (1.) "The Home—Primary and Fundamental," Mrs. C. H. Abbott; (2.) "The S. S. Supplementary and Outreaching," Mr. Thos. Hannay; (3)"The C. E. S.—a Missionary and Training School," Mr. Fred Nelles. "Deepening the Spiritual Life:" (1.) "Abundant Life, Possible for All," Rev. I. W. Atherton; (2.) "Its Maintenance," Rev. J. L. Pearson; (3) "Its Ministry," Rev. A. C. Dodd. "The Missionary Hour:" (1.) "The C. C. B. S.," Rev. H. H. Wikoff; (2.) "The C. H. M. S.," Rev. J. T. Ford; (3.) "California Missions—Old and New," Rev. H. P. Case.

Next Meeting at the call of the Moderator and Registrar.

COUNCILS

HELD DURING THE YEAR 1899.

April 24.—Met at National City, with reference to the ordination of Mr. J. L. Pearson to the work of the ministry. Rev. Jas. T. Ford, Moderator; Rev. N. T. Edwards, Scribe. Resulted in the ordination of the candidate, with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. S. A. Norton; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Jas. T. Ford; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. N. T. Edwards; Charge to the Minister, Rev. I. W. Atherton.

May 1.—Called to meet at the Congregational Church, Ontario, for the installation of Rev. Allen Hastings as Pastor of the Church. Rev. O. H. Spoor, Moderator; Rev. A. W. Thompson, Scribe. Resulted in the installation of the candidate, with public services as follows: Sermon, Rev. J. H. Williams; Prayer of Installation, Rev. Geo. Robertson; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. L. H. Frary; Address to the Pastor, Rev. H. N. Kinney; Address to the People, Rev. A. E. Tracy.

Dec. 5.—Called by West End Church, Los Angeles, to meet at its house of worship, to consider the advisability of the granting of home missionary aid to the said church. Rev. Joseph Wild, Moderator; Rev. W. P. Hardy, Scribe. Recommended that the church be placed on the beneficiary list of the Congregational Home Missionary Society; also, that the Congregational Churches of Los Angeles render assistance to this church for the ensuing three months until action can be taken by the C. H. M. S. concerning this recommendation.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

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Address the President,

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FOR THE YEAR 1899

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Town or City	Org.	Name	Name	Ordained	Cd.	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	Con	Let.	To.	De.	Let.	Dis	To.	Ad.	Inf.
Alessandro (P. O., Armada)	'95	Mrs. Edith MacMahill	Wm. Henry Wolcott, P	'70	'96	4	11	15	11	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0
Alpine	'94	A. Percy Foss	John L. Pearson, P	'99	'98	16	19	35	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Avalon	'89	Rev. Chas. W. Williams	[Chas. W. Williams, Bapt]	'86	'99	5	11	16	4	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	0	0
Bakersfield	'92		Edgar R. Fuller, P	'86	'97	23	35	58	8	10	12	22	2	1	6	9	1	2
Ballena	'89					2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bloomington	'92		[W. J. Speers, Meth.] S. Bdo.	'92	'99	17	28	45	20	0	3	3	0	0	14	14	0	0
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	David W. Morgan, P	'85	'97	7	18	25	1	0	2	2	1	0	4	5	0	0
Chula Vista	'90	J. P. Hall (P. O. Otay)	Ephraim E. P. Abbott, P	'68	'98	32	57	89	14	8	31	39	0	10	11	21	2	1
Claremont	'91	Herbert Patton	Henry M. Kinney, P	'82	'99	80	95	175	54	12	33	45	1	21	0	22	5	0
Compton	'88	Mrs. A. C. Brown	Sheldon H. Wheeler, P	'75	'95	34	54	88	11	5	17	22	0	4	2	6	2	1
Corona	'87	Geo. H. Merriam	William N. Burr, P	'88	'97	45	74	119	10	1	1	2	1	5	0	6	0	5
Dehesa	'87	Mrs. W. T. Munger	John L. Pearson, P (Alpine)	'99	'98	5	7	12	1	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	0	0
De Luz	'89	R. J. Wilmot	Henry M. Daniels, P	'61	'89	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Eagle Rock (P. O. Highland P'k)	'86	Mrs. Ann Seaman	[H. G. Smead, Evang.] Pasadena		'98	9	9	18	9	5	0	5	0	1	2	1	0	0
Escondido	'86	Miss Abby Morgan	Nicholas T. Edwards, P	'83	'97	68	107	175	25	2	16	18	0	18	0	18	0	1
Etiwanda	'93	Clark Hickcox	Alexander W. Thompson, P	'80	'97	9	12	21	6	1	3	4	0	5	0	5	0	0
Flinn Valley (P. O. Lakeside)	'92	J. W. White	John L. Pearson, P (Alpine)	'99	'98	3	5	8	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Halleck	'84		Arthur L. Seward	'78	'99	2	5	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamlin (P. O. Delano)	'96	A. C. Morgan	Wm. H. Robinson, P	'92	'99	3	8	11	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Highland	'84	Dr. W. H. Wilmot	Samuel G. Lamb, P	'79	'96	48	82	130	0	4	5	9	1	3	0	4	0	2
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	John M. Schaefle, P	'87	'90	6	7	13	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	0
Jamul	'90	Mrs. H. F. Maxfield				10	11	21	3	3	0	3	0	5	0	5	0	0
La Canyada	'97	C. B. Blain	[H. G. Smead, Evang.] Pasadena		'98	9	9	18	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake View	'98	Mrs. A. Grace Kinnear	H. E. Merrill, P (San Jacinto)	'96	'98	7	13	20	6	2	7	9	1	4	0	5	0	3
La Mesa	'95	K. B. Finley	Theophilus R. Earl, P	'79	'95	6	10	16	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Lemon Grove	'94	R. F. McKinney	Arthur E. Bradstreet		'99	9	15	24	2	12	2	14	0	2	0	2	10	0
Long Beach	'88	George Flint	Charles Pease, P	'96	'99	21	28	49	0	0	5	5	1	5	4	10	0	0
Los Alamitos	'97	A. O. Clement	J. Fletcher Brown, P	'74	'98	10	15	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Los Angeles, First	'67	Fred A. Duy	Warren F. Day, P	'66	'94	274	521	795	55	32	89	121	9	37	24	70	10	10
" Park	'84	Arthur T. Snell	Thomas Hendry, P	'91	'91	39	107	146	18	9	7	16	1	7	0	8	1	2

Los Angeles, Third	'85	Rev. J. D. Habbick	John D. Habbick, P.	'98	'99	12	38	50	0	8	6	14	1	0	0	1	1	10
" Vernondale	'85	William Wight	William P. Hardy, P.	'93	'97	39	59	98	6	5	2	7	1	2	4	7	0	0
" East (Sta. A.)	'87	Miss Agnes Jacobus	Chester P. Dorland, P.	'97	'97	77	151	228	18	27	16	43	2	13	1	16	11	11
" Pico Heights	'87	W. H. Klusmann	John M. Schaefle, P.	'87	'91	27	74	101	12	24	6	30	0	0	9	9	5	4
" Plymouth	'88	William B. Mosher	Joseph Wild, P.	'54	'97	33	50	83	2	1	9	10	1	3	0	4	2	5
" West End (Sta E.)	'88	James Travis	Frederick A. Field, P.	'80	'98	10	25	35	5	1	0	1	0	4	5	9	1	0
" Olivet (Sta. D.)	'89	F. J. Watson	[Rev. M. H. Plumb, Meth.]	'58	'98	23	42	65	2	8	6	14	1	1	1	3	2	4
" Swedish	'89	J. E. Johnson	[E. M Carlson, Sw. Cov]	'97	'96	26	36	62	3	6	0	6	2	3	4	9	0	0
" Bethlehem	'92	John Mathews	Dana W. Bartlett, P.	'87	'96	59	112	171	29	44	25	69	0	14	15	29	8	2
" Central Av. (Sta. G.)	'95	Miss Minnie J. Borst	Nathan L. Rowell, P	'64	'97	24	40	64	24	4	14	18	0	2	6	8	0	0
Mentone	'92	Rev. Geo. Robertson	Geo Robertson, P.	'83	'92	23	40	63	10	1	2	3	1	5	0	6	1	3
Monrovia	'87	Mrs. Belle V Bent	S. C. Kendall (Sierra Madre), P	'83	'99	11	16	27	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Moreno	'91	J. S. Warren	W. H. Wolcott, P	'70	'96	36	40	76	28	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	1	1
National City	'81	J. Loren Mudgett	Arthur C. Dodd, P. C.	'98	'98	25	47	72	20	0	3	3	1	5	0	6	0	1
Norwalk	'96	Mrs. Jennie Truitt	Geo. H DeKay, P. C.	'90	'96	14	33	47	6	2	4	6	0	5	2	7	1	1
Ontario	'85	Irving S. Watson	Allen Hastings, P. C.	'91	'99	45	81	126	21	14	18	32	3	8	3	14	8	1
Pasadena, First	'85	Dea. Geo. A. Green	Herbert W. Lathe, P.	'77	'95	134	227	361	36	11	31	42	3	19	0	22	5	4
" North	'89	Rev. Henry T. Staats	Henry T. Staats, P.	'60	'88	38	77	115	16	1	5	6	3	4	1	8	1	0
" Lake Avenue	'96	A. I. Gammon	S. G. Emerson, P.	'90	'98	30	48	78	5	4	14	18	1	14	0	15	2	5
Paso Robles	'94	Geo. F. Witter	S. De Forest Belt, P.	'71	'98	10	25	35	0	1	3	4	0	3	9	12	1	0
Perris	'87	Miss Lizzie Pell	Geo. F. Mathes, P.	'98	'99	25	49	74	9	1	8	9	2	9	0	11	0	2
Pomona	'87	Harold M. Jones	Lucien H. Frary, P.	'69	'88	160	246	406	67	23	23	46	3	37	2	42	20	2
Poso (P. O. Famosa)	'93	Mrs. Fannie Root	Wm H. Robinson, P.	'92	'99	6	9	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	19	19	0	0
Poway	'87	Adams Chapin	[Chas. H. Abernethy, Lic]		'98	17	31	48	11	2	7	9	1	6	0	7	0	0
Ramona	'98	Mrs. J. H Ferry	[Chas. H. Abernethy, Lic]	Poway	'99	9	12	21	2	9	8	17	0	1	6	7	4	0
Redlands	'80	Mrs. S E. H. Lockwood	John H. Williams, P. C.		'73	93	120	234	354	37	10	80	90	6	19	4	29	5	0
Redondo	'95	Mrs. Alice A Fisher	Chas. Y. Snell, P.		'71	'98	10	15	25	5	2	1	3	1	13	5	19	0	1
Rialto	'90	Ruthie A Bailey	Warren L. Noyes, P.		'68	'99	10	21	34	5	0	6	6	1	4	8	13	0	1
Riverside	'72	Geo. F. Herrick	Edward F. Goff, P		'76	'96	141	230	371		3	15	18	3	8	2	13	0	2
Rosedale	'92	Frank W. Warthorst	Wm. H. & Alice M. Robinson, P		'92	'99	25	27	52	4	0	4	4	1	1	39	41	0	0
San Bernardino	'67	Ira H Stoughton					44	79	123	19	6	3	9	0	20	6	26	0	0
San Diego, First	'86	H. R. Fitch	Stephen A. Norton, P. C.		'81	'94	153	255	408	20	19	28	47	7	27	14	48	7	3
" Second	'88	Miss Mary Dexter	Theophilus R. Earl, P.		'79	'96	15	36	51	13	1	6	7	0	5	0	5	0	2
San Jacinto	'86	Mrs. H. R. Smith	H. E. Merrill, P.		'96	'98	16	33	49	16	1	1	2	1	1	3	5	0	1
San Luis Obispo	'92	Mrs. J. M. Huyck	Geo. Willett, P.		'78	'99	10	20	30	3	2	9	11	0	4	7	11	0	4
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. C. B. Telford	S. D. Belt, P (Paso Robles)		'71	'98	5	15	20	7	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Santa Ana	'89	Mrs. S. A. Peabody	John H. Cooper, P		'87	'95	41	100	141	7	18	18	36	1	6	0	7	10	2
Santa Barbara	'67	Eli Kimberly	Frank S. Forbes, P.		'88	'95	73	160	233	0	7	2	9	2	13	0	15	2	0
Santa Monica	'90	Mrs. E. B. Campbell (Pas'da)					2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. E F. Pardee	Richard Pratt, P.		'56	'90	12	24	36	6	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
Sherman (P. O. Shermanton)	'98	Henry Wyatt	Elijah Cash, P (Los Angeles)		'78	'95	9	11	20	6	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Madre	'86	John J. Graham	Sidney C. Kendall, P.		'83	'99	37	54	91	19	1	12	13	1	3	0	4	1	0
Spring Valley (P. O. Helix)	'88		A. E. Bradstreet, (Lemon Grove)				37	18	55	15	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Ventura	'68	Miss Minnie Jones	Chas K. Westfall, P.		'80	'99	46	87	133	25	3	12	15	0	2	0	2	2	0
Villa Park	'89	Henry Snyder	Mathew D. Reid, P.		'97	'99	19	27	46	2	10	2	12	0	4	2	6	2	0
Whittier	'94	Mrs. A. C. Strain	Chas. W. Merrill, P.		'73	'99	34	52	86	12	0	7	7	1	8	0	9	0	2

STATISTICS OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

FOR THE YEAR 1899

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CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOLS			FAMILIES	YPSCE	BENEVOLENCES										
Town or City	Org.	Superintendents	M.	Av.			For eign	Educa- tion	Ch. Bldg.	Home Missi'ns	A. M. A.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Leg acy	Home Exp.
Alessandro (P. O., Armada)	'95	Rev. Wm. H. Wo'cott	15	20	3	20	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1	$ 0	$ 2	$ 0	$ 0	$ 3	$	$ 54
Alpine	'94	T. M. Albee	40	32		27	8	0	1	15	0	7		2	33		246
Avalon	'89	Mrs. J. D. McLean	34	22	24		0	0	5	11	0	5	0	0	21		1238
Bakersfield	'92	Mrs. L. A. Hicks	276	183	75	38	4	0	210	34	3	5		12	268		1200
Hallena	'89						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Bloomington	'92	W. H. H. Easton	58	34	25	21	10	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	51		157
Buena Park	'88	John Tanner	65	46	50	26	27	0	7	21	5	6		5	71		437
Chula Vista	'90	G. F. Rhodes	128	66	75	77	19	0	3	31	0	11		45	109		821
Claremont	'91	Rev. Arthur D. Bissell	198	148	70	180	188	1031	36	200	20	14	4	271	1764	0	1298
Compton	'88	H. F. Kohler	220	122	85	16	15	3	47	32	10	8	2	11	128		1150
Corona	'87	Mrs. Rose Wilkins	148	85	110	35	40	0	30	84	0	13		52	219		1071
Dehesa	'87	Saml. Sloane	32	20	12		0	0	9	5	0	0	0	0	14		65
De Luz	'89				5		0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	6		0
Eagle Rock (P. O. Highland P'k)	'86	John Q. Adams	42	31	11	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		195
Escondido	'86	E. E. Chubb	130	85	100	28	40	0	12	81	0	0	0	42	175		1116
Etiwanda	'93	A. R. Loud	45	35	30	30	4	0	2	31	0	5	2	4	48		250
Flinn Valley (P. O. Lakeside)	'92	John W. White	15	15	5		0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	13		25
Halleck	'84						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hamlin (P. O. Delano)	'96	A. C. Morgan (Delano)	35	25	10	15	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10		55
Highland	'84	Samuel H. Barrett	110	85	75	73	62	3	4	112	7	9	2	0	199		1124
Hyde Park	'88	Frank B. Clark	40	25	20	16	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	11	20	0	316
Jamul	'90	F. D. Weller	40	25		20	16	0	3	19	0	5	4	0	47		
La Canyada	'97				16	0	0	0	0	17	0	2	0	0	19	0	125
Lake View	'98	A. Grace Kinnear	35	25	20		0	0	3	3	0	4	0	0	10		140
La Mesa	'95	Mrs. E. D. Gripper	33	23	28	21	0	0	5	22	0	5	0	20	52		330
Lemon Grove	'94	E. T. Beidleman	50		40	16	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Long Beach	'88	G. J. Webster	57	29	80		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	123	125		825
Los Alamitos	'97	Rev. J. Fletcher Brown	35	30	40		0	0	0	10		7	0	0	17		125
Los Angeles, First	'67	H. E. Storrs	475	350	450	105	388	75	48	950	200	29	40	350	2080		19000
" Park	'84	John H. Vening	172	119	110	56	40	0	25	40	0	15		75	195		1025

Los Angeles, Third	'85	William R. Armstrong	90	100		20	0	0	2	30	0	0	0	8	40	0	475
" Vernondale	'85	Durrell Draper	190	118	100	55	75	4	2	43	18	10	3	16	171	0	885
" East (Sta. A.)	'87	Lester S. Moore	200	132	120	115	18	0	11	85	0	11	0	4	129	0	2049
" Pico Heights	'87	H. T. Dalton	225	150		40	14	5	4	28	15	9	0	0	75	0	625
" Plymouth	'88	W. A Colwell	110	65	45	13	10	0	10	5	0	50	10	37	122	0	1743
" West End (Sta E.)	'88	William H. Cary	125	70	60	40	25	0	0	10	0	5	0	0	40	0	500
" Olivet (Sta. D.)	'89	M. W. Brown	295	153	55	25	15	0	5	15	0	0	0	10	45	0	1482
" Swedish	'89	C. E. Norberg	37	30	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	65	67	0	1003
" Bethlehem	'92	O. D. Conroy	375	250	350	85	2	4	2	8	3	0	0	25	44	0	1000
" Central Av. (Sta. G.)	'95	Charles I. Mosteller	200	125	100	29	10	0	3	25	6	0	0	20	58	0	500
Mentone	'92	Henry Knowles	70	56	52	30	3	5	2	25	0	10	0	20	65	0	450
Monrovia	'87		0	0	14	0	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	104
Moreno	'91	Rev. W. H Wolcott	65	33	35	16	10	0	0	15	0	5	0	0	30	0	350
National City	'81	Elbridge Baker	65	33	48	23	45	0	16	44	0	10	0	30	145	0	430
Norwalk	'96	E. P. Truitt	60	50	30	10	12	4	7	22	4	5	4	2	60	0	620
Ontario	'85	William L. Malone	136	82	95	25	139	184	30	138	48	5	0	2	546	0	1337
Pasadena, First	'85	E. A. Owen	384	181	160	96	319	7	20	716	10	45	30	10	1157	0	3864
" North	'89	Mach Snowball	115	83	75	0	12	5	0	19	17	6	0	100	159	0	1175
" Lake Avenue	'96	Mrs. M. B. Follett	128	99	45	79	43	4	3	58	4	3	4	6	125	0	921
Paso Robles	'94	Mrs. A. B. Curtis	84	59	45	18	0	3	0	14	0	5	1	15	38	0	385
Perris	'87	Miss Emma Whitney	75	66	50	30	4	0	0	25	0	6	0	3	34	0	660
Pomona	'87	John P. Storrs	396	220	182	131	1130	945	30	978	10	80	11	175	3359	0	2642
Poso (P. O. Famosa)	'93	J. Brittain (Famosa)	25	20	25	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	9	0	100
Poway	'87	Miss Helen Abernethy	70	50	25	20	12	0	6	19	8	8	0	25	78	0	481
Ramona	'98	Richard Smith	38	25	13	0	70	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	90	0	180
Redlands	'80	John P. Fisk	272	165	175	85	465	25	147	575	60	17	12	100	1401	0	24415
Redondo	'95	Fanny Snell				25	0	0		9	0	0	0	3	12	0	549
Rialto	'90	Miss Louise Oliver	43	22	25	29	8	0	5	22	0	2	0	0	37	0	210
Riverside	'72	W. P. Gulick	290	165	170	72	204	51	31	405	75	27	50	1013	1856	0	3450
Rosedale	'92	Rev. A M Robinson	46	46	45	30	0	0	5	40	0	8	0	0	53	0	600
San Bernardino	'67	Miss Emily Johnson	160	112		20	50	0	3	15	90	6	0	0	164		1127
San Diego, First	'86	Geo. W. Marston	275	225	175	75	380	0	350	300	100	45	0	2000	3175	0	3500
" Second	'88	Rev. T. R. Earl	110	70	40	22	0	0	2	30	0	8	0	10	50	0	300
San Jacinto	'86	J. F. Stout (Hemet)	50	50	40	12	33	0	80	41	0	6	2	2	164	0	550
San Luis Obispo	'92	Mrs. E A. Atwood	98	70	35	29	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	8	21	0	696
San Miguel	'86	Mrs. Clara M Meadows	30	20	14	15	0	0	0	8	0	2	2	5	12	0	119
Santa Ana	'89	John A. Hankey	170	95	100	64	36	0	8	84	5	4	4	20	161	0	1275
Santa Barbara	'67	Bion B. Williams	148	111	250	41	120	0	0	117	96	20	120	0	473	0	2500
Santa Monica	'90						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Saticoy	'90	Mrs. S. K. Sharp	60	40	45	0	60	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	450
Sherman (P O. Shermanton)	'98	M. A Phelps	53	32	40	35	0	0	5	5	0	3	1	5	19	0	280
Sierra Madre	'86	Chas. H. Camp	75	45		28	0	0	5	14	0	0	0	4	23	0	775
Spring Valley (P O. Helix)	'88	Dea. Frank Oliver	27	19	18	6	10	0	3	10	0	0	4	0	27	0	199
Ventura	'68	Mrs. J. E Reynolds	139	80	75	93	57	1025	20	336	21	13	11	330	1813	0	1373
Villa Park	'89	Geo. F. Lathrop	100	55	30	30	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	8	0	375
Whittier	'84	U P. Shull	74	66	75	67	18	0	0	54	10	5	0	17	101	0	936

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

—FOR—

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR-BOOK'S LIST OF CHURCHES:

Omitted—Needles; Nordhoff; Oceanside; Redlands, Lugonia Terrace.

CHURCHES: 5 with pastors installed by council; 55 with pastors otherwise inducted; 5 with supplies; 11 vacant (including 8 supplied by licentiates or ministers of other denominations). Total, 76.

MINISTERS: 5 pastors installed by council; 49 pastors otherwise inducted; 5 supplies; 40 others. Total, 99.

LICENTIATES: 2.

CHURCH MEMBERS: 2591 males; 4483 females. Total, 7074 including 848 absent. Gain, 144.

ADDITIONS: 395 by confession; 663 by letter. Total, 1058.

REMOVALS: 71 by death; 451 by dismissal; 244 by discipline; 148 by disbanding of churches. Total, 914.

BAPTISMS: 138 adult; 107 infant.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS: members, 8306; gain, 562; average, 5418.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: number of societies, 58; 2493 members.

FAMILIES: 67 churches reporting (61 last year), 4690; gain, 612.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: 72 churches reporting (73 last year), Foreign, $3,277; Education, $3,384; Church Building, $1,329; Home, $6,170; American Missionary Association, $839; Sunday School, $601; Ministerial Aid, $323; Other, $5,115. Total, $22,038; decrease, $18,967.

HOME EXPENDITURES: 70 churches reporting (75 last year), $100,028; increase, $22,352.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, BEGINNING 1867.

YEAR	No. Ch'rch	MEMBERS				ADDITIONS			REMOVALS				BAPTISMS		Whole No. in S. S.	Benev. Contributions	Home Expenditures
		Male	Female	Total	Absent	C'nfes'n	Letter	Total	Death	Letter	Discip.	Total	Adult	Infant			
Sept. 1, 1867	3	14	18	32	0	7	25	32	0	0	0	0	3	4	80		
" 1868	4	20	28	48	2	1	17	18	0	5	0	5	1	6	207		
" 1869	4	26	39	58	2	7	23	30	0	14	0	14	3	9	75		
" 1870	5	33	63	96	9	21	19	40	0	13	0	13	11	11	250		
" 1871	6	45	77	122	12	16	17	33	5	8	0	13	3	8	290		
" 1872	5	44	71	115	11	1	16	17	3	4	1	8	0	3	307		
" 1873	5	55	89	144	24	7	29	36	3	3	0	6	4	9	330		
" 1874	5	61	118	179	36	7	44	51	1	10	0	11	5	0	397		
" 1875	5	80	158	238	64	16	53	69	3	9	0	12	9	2	473		
" 1876	5	94	195	289	38	22	58	80	3	20	1	24	12	10	560		
" 1877	5	111	216	327	60	20	38	58	5	14	1	20	9	4	624	$ 277	
" 1878	6	140	244	384	68	21	51	72	1	5	1	7	11	11	656	237	
" 1879	6	127	234	361	40	24	19	43	5	23	2	30	15	14	640	215	
" 1880	7	149	268	417	77	31	40	71	2	34	0	36	13	10	563	256	
" 1881	8	162	231	393	59	19	34	53	4	23	1	28	9	4	581	320	
" 1882	8	191	315	506	83	38	46	84	4	6	3	13	16	10	705	1164	
" 1883	9	226	362	588	58	39	96	135	6	23	0	29	16	4	766	927	
" 1884	11	274	461	735	72	54	144	198	6	42	0	48	11	14	1195	1178	
" 1885	13	297	488	785	68	39	102	141	9	40	34	83	21	21	1158	1022	
" 1886	18	371	670	1041	152	67	189	256	11	39	1	51	48	20	1406	1872	
Jan. 1,*1888	30	698	1131	1829	194	241	692	933	23	119	0	142	92	16	2863	4523	$63615
" 1889	42	1050	1674	2724	331	327	839	1166	34	258	10	302	117	88	4504	7738	64520
" 1890	50	1316	2114	3430	497	430	635	1065	19	316	30	365	218	99	4872	5658	96069
" 1891	56	1480	2443	3923	610	390	466	856	50	269	38	357	164	95	4507	7321	60111
" 1892	62	1603	2572	4175	616	301	525	826	64	329	71	464	157	101	5101	11121	76823
" 1893	67	1810	2964	4774	648	601	634	1235	53	341	132	526	251	117	5429	14815	80684
" 1894	70	1924	3123	5047	607	214	497	711	64	286	138	488	87	102	5661	12630	70812
" 1895	72	2042	3443	5482	649	363	655	1018	66	460	336	862	201	123	6418	14391	66912
" 1896	75	2216	3628	5844	745	371	594	965	67	392	171	630	183	102	7029	28343	68396
" 1897	77	2322	3956	6278	733	385	631	1016	60	375	185	620	143	121	7490	16170	79920
" 1898	79	2502	4251	6753	794	499	592	1091	72	365	178	615	215	125	8071	15666	81502
" 1899	80	2567	4363	6930	749	304	617	921	65	468	218	751	115	78	7744	41005	77676
" 1900	76	2591	4483	7074	848	395	663	1058	71	451	244	766	138	107	8306	22038	100028

*Sixteen months.

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CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION, OR SERVING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

N. B.—If your name be not correctly given in the following list; if the first name be not given in full; if your post-office or date of ordination be wrong; or if your name be not found here, but should be given, write to Rev. James T. Ford, Station A, Los Angeles, Registrar of the General Association.

"W. C." denotes without charge. * Not members of this Association.

NAME	EMPLOYMENT	POST-OFFICE	ORDAINED
Abbott, Ephraim E. P.	Pastor	Chula Vista	Mar. 30, '68
Anderson, Otto	Pastor	New Haven, Conn.	Oct. 4, '96
Atherton, Isaac W.	Pastor	Helix	Sept. '59
Baldwin, Cyrus G., D.D.	W. C	Claremont	Jan. 25, '81
Bartlett, Dana W	Pastor	Los Angeles, 510 Vignes St.	July 21, '87
Belt, Salathiel D	Pastor	Paso Robles	June 21, '71
Billings, Charles S.	Evangelist	Los Angeles, 25 Loomis St.	Oct. 6, '96
Bissell, Arthur D.	Prof. College	Claremont	Mar. 19, '84
Bissell, Frank A.	Inst. College	Claremont	Mar. 28, '82
Brainerd, Edward R.	W. C.	Los Angeles	Feb. 21, '84
Bristol, Sherlock	W. C	Montalvo	Oct. '43
Brown, J. Fletcher	Pastor	Los Alamitos	May 3, '74
Burr, William N.	Pastor	Corona	July 20, '88
Case, Alden B	Missionary	Pomona	May 15, '81
Case, Harlan P.	Supt. Cong. S. S. & P. S.	Los Angeles, Box 863	Sept. 25, '71
Cash, Elijah	Pastor	Los Angeles, Station E	May 14, '78
Colcord, Daniel H	Prof. College	Claremont	Sept. 8, '81
Cooper, John H.	Pastor	Santa Ana	July 22, '87
Crosswell, Micah S.	W. C.	Los Angeles, Station D	April 19, '69
Culver, Franklin J.	W. C	Pasadena	April 21, '90
Daniels, Henry M.	Pastor	De Luz	June 25, '61
*Davies, John F.	Pastor	San Bernardino	'73
Davis, Charles H	W. C.	San Bernardino	Dec. 16, '77
Day, Warren F., D. D.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 949 S. Hill St.	May 2, '66
DeKay, George H.	Pastor	Norwalk	June 2, '90
Dodd, Arthur C.	Pastor	National City	Oct. 14, '98

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Dorland, Chester P.	Pastor	Los Angeles, 165 N. Workman St.	Nov. 2, '97
Earl, Theophilus R	Pastor	San Diego, 923 Irving Ave.	June 8, '79
Edwards, Nicholas T.	Pastor	Escondido	June 8, '83
Emerson, Stephen G.	Pastor	Pasadena	Oct. 27, '90
Field, Alden P.	W. C.	Monrovia	May 13, '91
Field, Frederick A	Pastor	Los Angeles, 1725 Magnolia Ave.	May 19, '80
Forbes, Frank S.	Pastor	Santa Barbara	Aug. 15, '88
Ford, James T.	W. C.	Los Angeles, Station A	Nov. 25, '57
Frary, Lucien H., D. D.,	Pastor	Pomona	Oct. 7, '69
Fuller, Edgar R	Pastor	Bakersfield	April 7, '86
Goff, Edward F.	Pastor	Riverside	June 12, '75
Habbick, John D.	Pastor	Los Angeles, Station A	Dec. 16, '98
Hardy, William P.	Pastor	South Los Angeles	May 4 '93
Harwood, James H., D.D.,	W. C.	Los Angeles, 515½ S. Olive St.	'63
Hastings, Allen	Pastor	Ontario	Jan. 30, '91
Hendry, Thomas	Pastor	Los Angeles, 129 N. Flower St.	Oct. 1, '91
Hewlett, Benjamin F.	W. C.	Pomona	March 27, '87
Hildreth, Edward	W. C.	Los Angeles, 357 S. Hope St.	Dec. 30, '62
Hill, Dexter D.	W. C.	Downey	June 1, '69
Houlding, Horace W.	Missionary.	Tien-tsin, China.	
Hunt, Theodore C.	Pastor	Greeley, Colo.	Sept. 17, '80
Jenkins, D. Lloyd	W. C.	Los Angeles, 936 Pasadena Ave.	July 1, '68
Jones, Harvey	W. C.	Pasadena	April, '55
Jones, Henry W	W. C.	Claremont	May 24, '66
Kellogg, Sylvanus H.	W. C.	Los Angeles, 1010 E. 9th St.	Nov. 10, '57
Kendall, Sidney C.	Pastor	Sierra Madre	June 3, '83
Kimball, George P.	W. C.	Pasadena	May 25, '51
*Kinney, Henry N.	Pastor	Claremont	Oct. 19, '82
Lamb, Samuel G.	Pastor	Highland	Oct. 5, '79
Lamb, William A.	W. C.	Los Angeles, 1929 Ocean View Ave.	Apr. 14, '74
Lathe, Herbert W.	Pastor	Pasadena, 380 Elevado Drive.	Sept. 27, '77
Longfellow, Charles H.	W. C.	Pasadena	Dec. 15, '96
McDougal, William H.	W. C.	Belmont	Sept. 11, '84
Mathes, George F.	Pastor	Perris	Oct. 25, '98
*Merrill, Chas. W.	Pastor	Whittier	Oct. 29, '73
Merrill, Harry E.	Pastor	San Jacinto	Feb. '96
Morgan, David W.	Pastor	Buena Park	Sept. 14, '85
Norton, Edwin C.	Prof. College	Claremont	May 1, '84
Norton, Stephen A., D.D.	Pastor	San Diego	Oct. 6, '81
Park, Austin L.	W. C.	Redlands	Feb. 2, '64

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Parker, John D.	W. C.	East Orange, N. J.	Oct. 16, '65
Pearson, John L.	Pastor	Alpine	Apr. 24, '99
*Pease, Charles	Pastor	Long Beach	Oct. 20, '96
Pratt, Richard	Pastor	Saticoy	June 27, '64
Price, Francis M.	Missionary	San Francisco Y. M. C. A. Building.	July 1, '83
Rawson, George A.	W. C	S. Los Angeles	Apr. 30, '60
*Reid, Matthew D.	Pastor	Villa Park	Nov. '97
Rice, Othello V.	W. C.	Los Angeles 2003 S. Grand Ave.	Nov. 1, '77
Robertson, George	Pastor	Mentone	July 18, '83
*Robinson, Wm. H. *Robinson, Alice M.	Pastors	Rosedale	April 19, '92
Rollins, John C.	W. C.	San Bernardino	June 27, '83
Rowell, Nathan L., D.D.,	Pastor	Los Angeles Station G.	June 12, '64
Schaefle, John M.	Pastor	Los Angeles Pico Heights.	May 17, '87
*Seward, Arthur L.	Pastor	Claremont	Nov. 26, '78
Shield, Frederic	W. C.	Pasadena	June 3, '83
Smith, John E.	W. C.	Fremontville	Jan. 3, '77
Snell, Charles Y.	Pastor	Redondo	Nov. 24, '71
Snell, William W.	W. C.	West Saticoy	Oct. 16, '59
Spoor, Orange H.	W. C.	Redlands	Nov. '61
Staats, Henry T.	Pastor	Pasadena 425 Raymond Ave.	Feb. 1, '60
Sumner, Charles B.	Prof. College	Claremont	Jan. 2, '68
Tade, Ewing O	W. C.	Los Ang., Sta. B.	Sept. 4, '61
Thompson, Alexander W.	Pastor	Etiwanda	Oct. 20, '80
Tracy, Alfred E.	W. C.	Wilton, N. H.	Sept. 4, '72
Tuthill, Edward B.	W. C.	Corona	Jan. '60
Vaile, Charles S.	W. C.	Claremont	Mar. 9, '82
Westfall, Charles K.	Pastor	Ventura	1880
Wheeler, Sheldon H.	Pastor	Compton	Dec. 16, '75
White, Austin B.	W. C.	Los Angeles 2547 W. 12th St.	June 28, '61
*Wild, Joseph, D. D.	Pastor	Los Angeles 423½ S. Spring St.	Aug. 16, '54
Willett, George	Pastor	San Luis Obispo	May 23, '78
Williams, John H., D.D.	Pastor	Redlands	Sept. 3, '73
Wolcott, William H.	Pastor	Moreno	May 11, '70

LICENTIATES.

Abernethy, Charles H.	Poway
Irvine, Javan B., Jr.	813 Lake St., Los Angeles

ADDENDUM.—The next annual meeting of the General Association will be held at the East Los Angeles Congregational Church, the second week in October, 1900.

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